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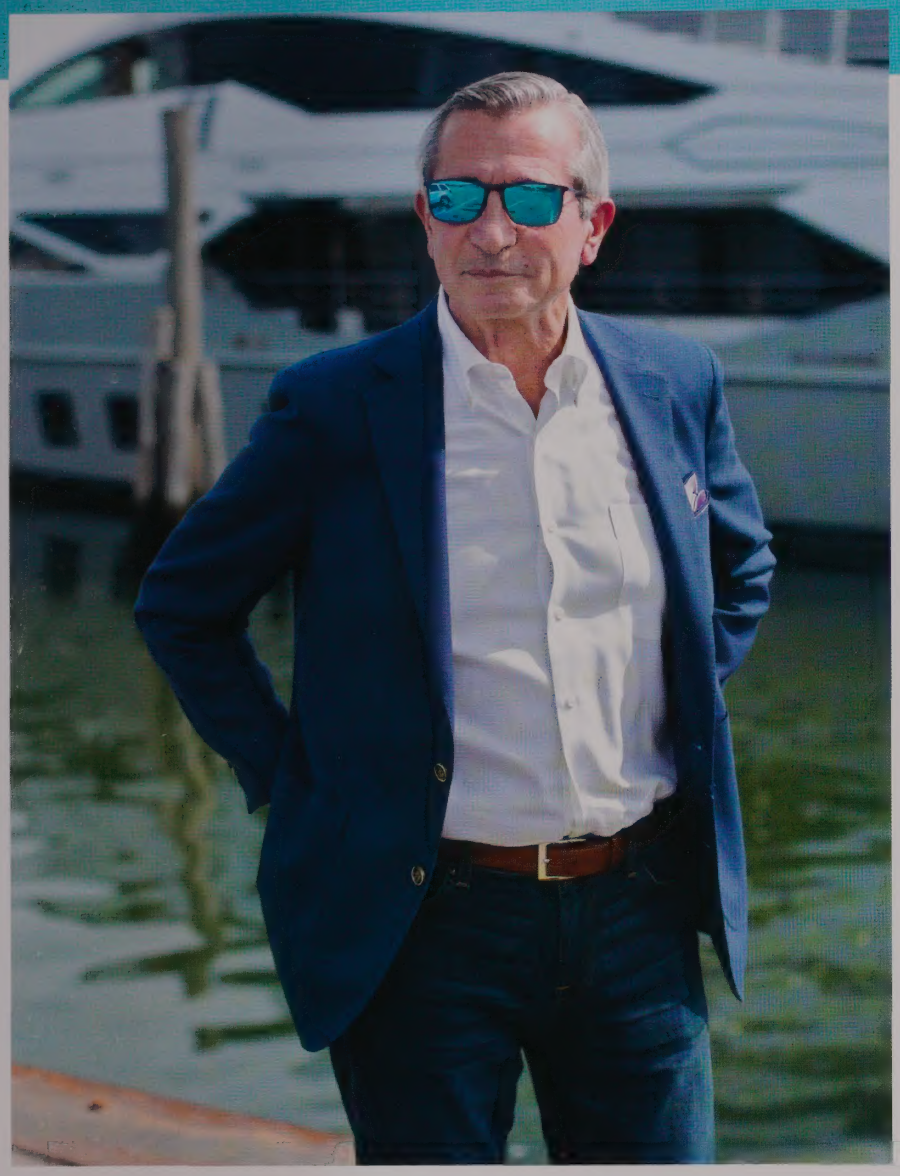

Enzo's Available Waterfronts

315 Rose Hill Road | **Now** $37,000,000 (See listing below)
214 Dune Road | $15,500,000 (See listing below)
47 Dune Road | $10,995,000
2 Delafield Street | **Now** $10,250,000
84 Dune Road | $8,950,000
35 Homans Avenue | **Now** $7,950,000
607 Main Street | $7,500,000
285 Oneck Lane | $6,250,000
38 Tuthill Lane | $4,950,000
7 Duck Point Road | $3,500,000

Enzo's In Contract Waterfronts

2 & 4 Seascape Lane | $17,999,999 (Last Asking)
167 Dune Road | $11,750,000 (Last Asking)
156 Dune Road | $4,975,000 (Last Asking)

Enzo's Sold Waterfronts in 2021

244 Dune Road
86 Dune Road
28 Halsey Avenue
143 Dune Road
145 Dune Road
848 Dune Road
10 Bob White Lane
553 Dune Road
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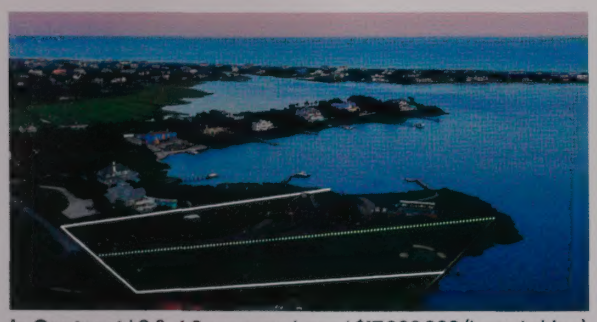

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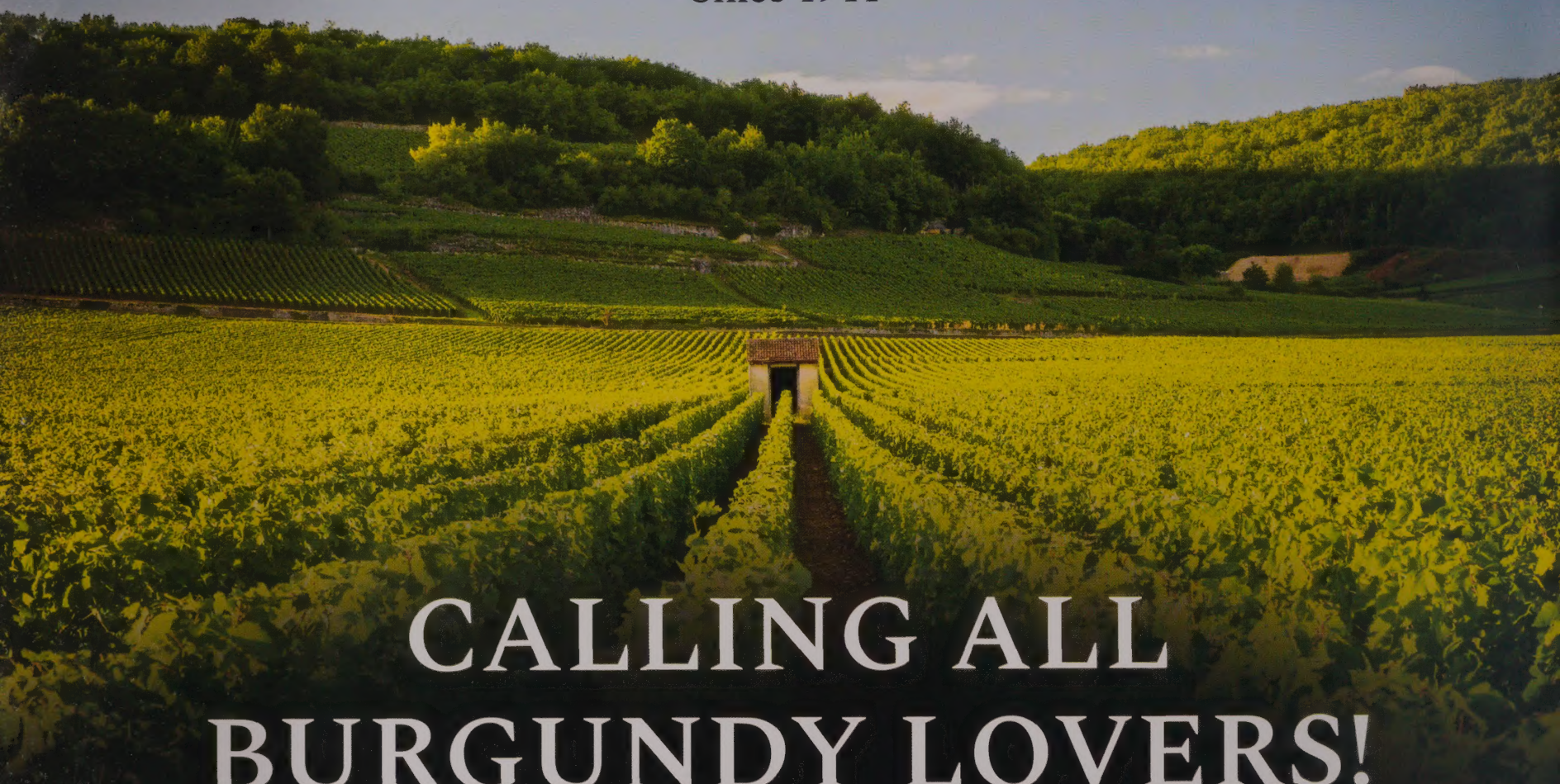

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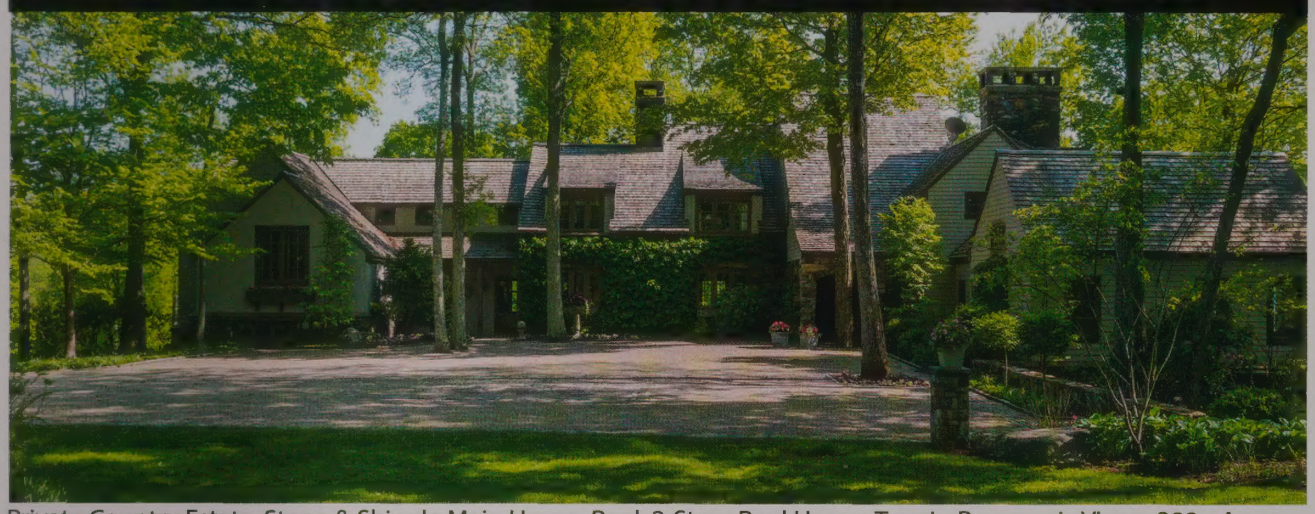

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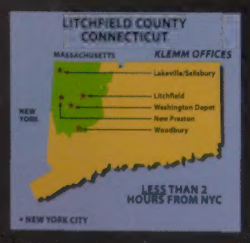

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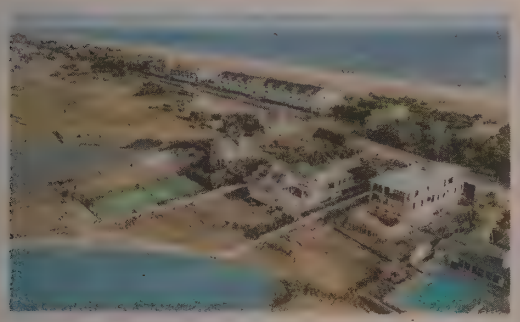

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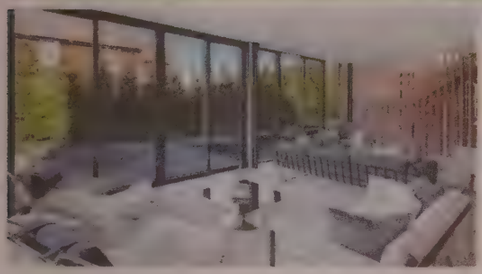

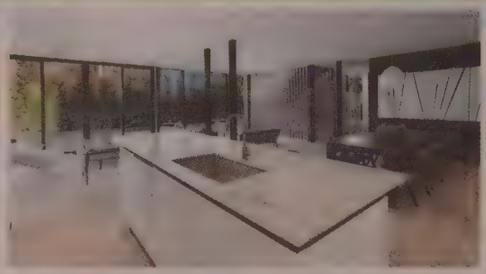

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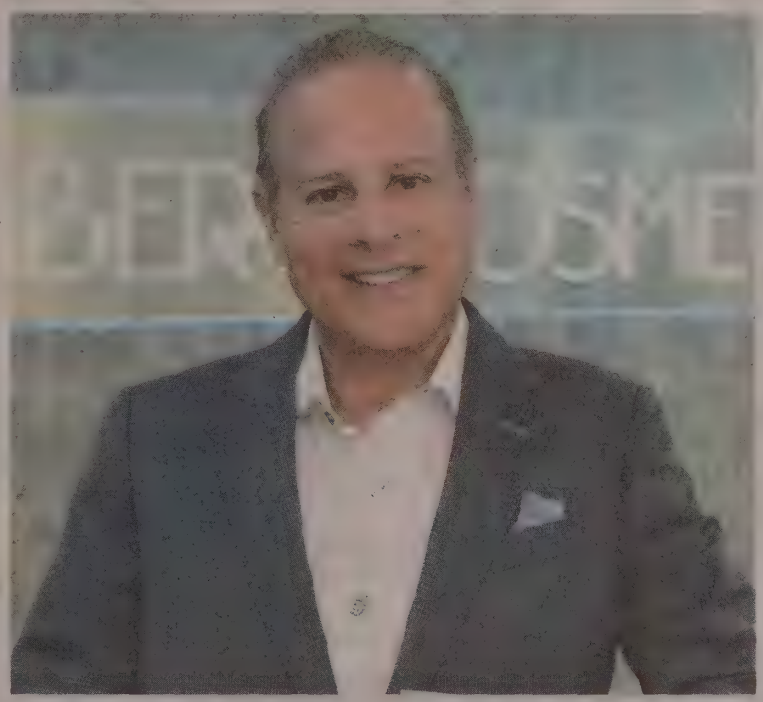

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Episode 67: This week on the "Dan's Talks" podcast, Dan speaks with Donnamarie Barnes, Sylvester Manor Educational Farm curator/archivist. A life-long resident of Sag Harbor, she came to Sylvester Manor in 2014 as a volunteer and history docent and is now working to archive the various collections within the Manor house, as well as lead insightful tours.

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BY FLO ANTHONY

Bravo *Real Housewives* franchise executive producer **Andy Cohen** now officially has his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The Amagansett home owner was presented with the honor in a ceremony on February 4 in Los Angeles. His good friend **John Mayer**, along with *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* cast members **Garcelle Beauvais** and **Lisa Rinna**, spoke at the unveiling, which marked the 2,711th star on the stretch of sidewalk along Hollywood Boulevard. "We are so honored to be here on behalf of the 139 Housewives past and present to pay tribute to our friend Andy Cohen," said Rinna, as she and Beauvais went on to list some of Cohen's many accomplishments, including three bestselling books, 13 years of *Watch What Happens Live* and 15 years at the helm of *The Real Housewives* franchise.

Sag Harbor resident **Billy Joel** and his foundation made a $1.5 million donation to the Long Island High School for the Arts in Syosset recently. Back in 2015, the Piano Man also donated $1 million to the school when it was in danger of closing due to low enrollment. "Our kids, like any other kids, are very impressionable," said **Dr. Robert Dillon**, superintendent for Nassau BOCES, which runs the school. "When someone of that stature pays attention, it really means something. You see stars on TV, you see them in the media, but here's an individual who's stepped up to work with them and say that they are important." According to WCBS Newsradio 880, in the fall, the school, which was founded in 1973, will launch a journalism program, along with game design and filmmaking programs — and it's thanks, in part, to the generosity and dedication to Joel and his foundation.

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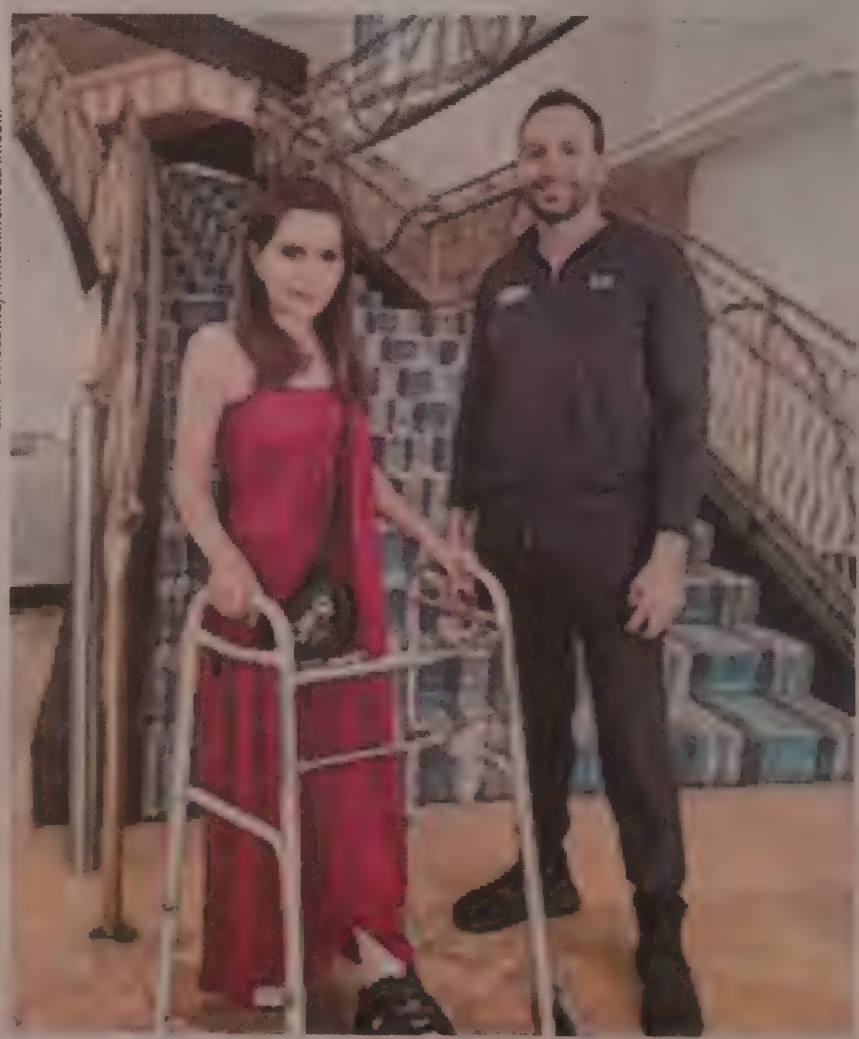
February has turned out to be a great month for **Beyoncé Knowles-Carter**. The East Hamptonite has been nominated for her first Academy Award in the Best Original Song category for "Be Alive" from *King Richard*, which was also nominated for Best Picture. Knowles-Carter is already the owner of 28 Grammy awards. On February 9, the superstar songstress turned fashion designer debuted a new collection from Ivy Park and Adidas "inspired by love" just in time for Valentine's Day. The collection includes a faux latex puffer, velour items and footwear, as well as an assortment of accessories. Sporting a hot new bob hairstyle, Beyoncé stars in the campaign alongside fellow celebs including *Claws* star Karrueche Tran and former Ralph Lauren Polo model **Tyson Beckford**.

Forty years following her groundbreaking Calvin Klein jeans commercial, **Brooke Shields** has donned denim pants once again. Jordache announced on February 9 that the Southampton actress, entrepre-



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neur and former model will star in its spring 2022 advertising campaign. By tapping Shields, the nostalgic denim brand says it continues the "legacy of featuring strong and successful women wearing denim" in their campaigns. The brand previously worked with Amagansett resident **Sarah Jessica Parker**. For the campaign, shot by photographer **Cass Bird**, Shields wears Jordache's dark-wash skinny, flare and straight fit jeans, both topless and in the brand's logo tee." Shields, 56, told a source the photos were not retouched. "We are excited to work with Brooke Shields," said **Liz Berlinger**, Jordache president. "Like Jordache, she is iconic in fashion. We have watched her grow from a young girl into an incredible woman, mother and entrepreneur — throughout it all she has remained authentic and an inspiration to women everywhere."

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According to reports, **Alec Baldwin** said goodbye to rural Hampshire in the U.K. on February 8 after spending three days in the English countryside for a location shoot for his latest film. The Amagansett resident is reportedly rebuilding his reputation in unlikely surroundings, with a quaint market town, Alton, playing host to the beleaguered actor while he shoots his forthcoming feature *97 Minutes*. The thriller is his first foray back into acting since a prop gun he was holding went off on the set of his now abandoned western *Rust* in October, killing 42-year-old cinematographer **Halyna Hutchins**.

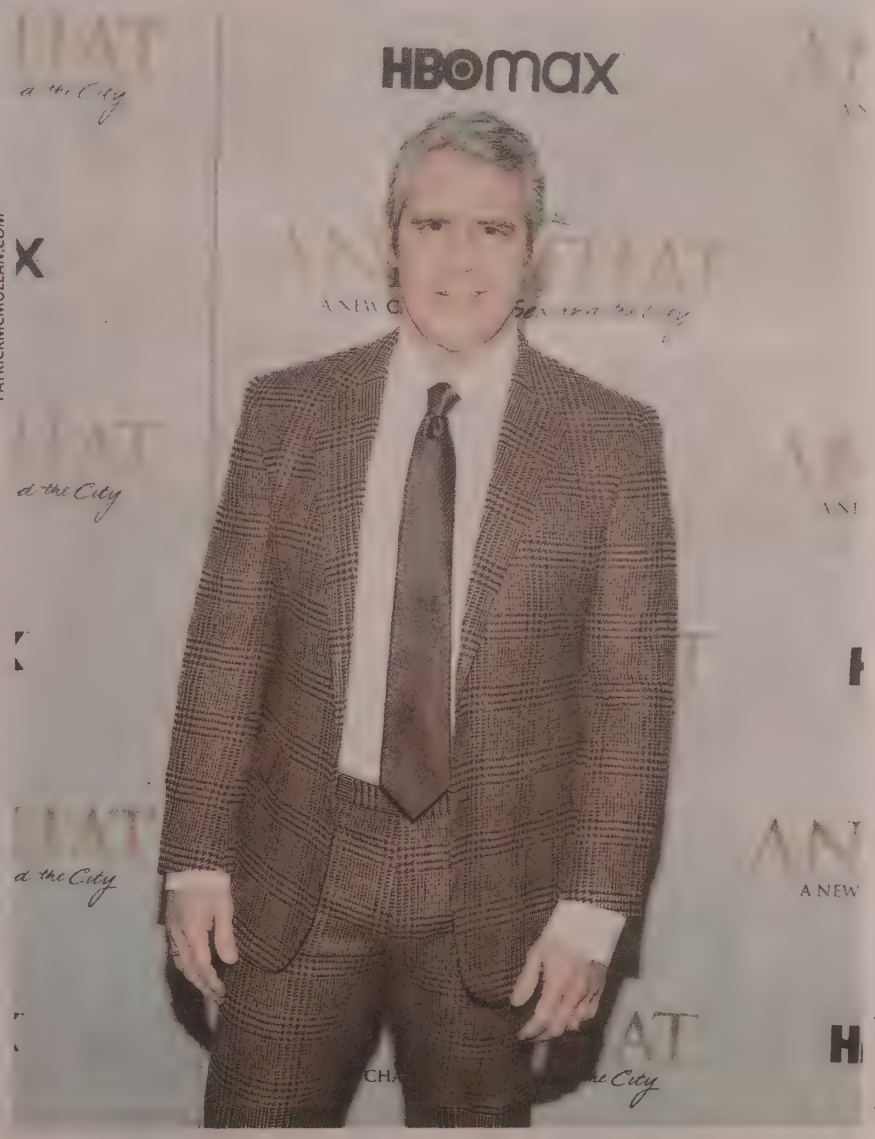
We Hear...

On February 10, Broadway's revival of *The Music Man* opened at the Winter Garden Theatre starring **Hugh Jackman** of East Hampton and **Sutton Foster**. On his Instagram afterwards, Jackman thanked those who sent well wishes, including **Ryan Reynolds**, who attended the play with his wife **Blake Lively**. In the post, Jackman displayed a photo that Reynolds sent of his own head photoshopped onto a dancing body with a sticky note attached that read, "Hugh, good luck with your little show. I'll be watching!"

Southampton socialite/philanthropist **Jean Shafiroff** is recovering in South Beach's Fountainbleau hotel after a major bunion surgery. Shafiroff said, "My foot was a disaster after years of wearing very high heels and years of ballet and running. I am now telling my friends to wear designer sneakers and flat shoes! Forget the heels and wear them only when you want to impress a guy! I was even embarrassed to take off my shoes at the beach because my bunion was so bad!" She is currently working with celebrity physical therapist **Brett Fox** to get back on her feet and dancing in time for the Hamptons summer season.

Sightings...

Governor **Kathy Hochul** in Wainscott on February 11 to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of New York State's first offshore wind farm.



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Dan's Papers Palm Beach Launch Party at DTR Galleries

Dan's Papers Palm Beach celebrated its premiere issue with a launch party hosted by *Dan's Papers* co-publisher Victoria Schneps and Ted Vassilev, president of DTR Modern at their Palm Beach gallery. DTR Modern, with numerous East Coast locations, showcases modern masters and works by blue-chip and emerging artists.

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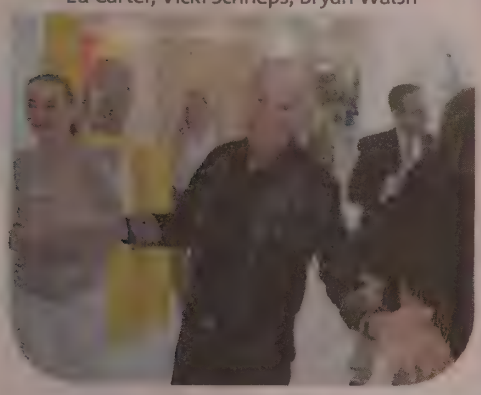
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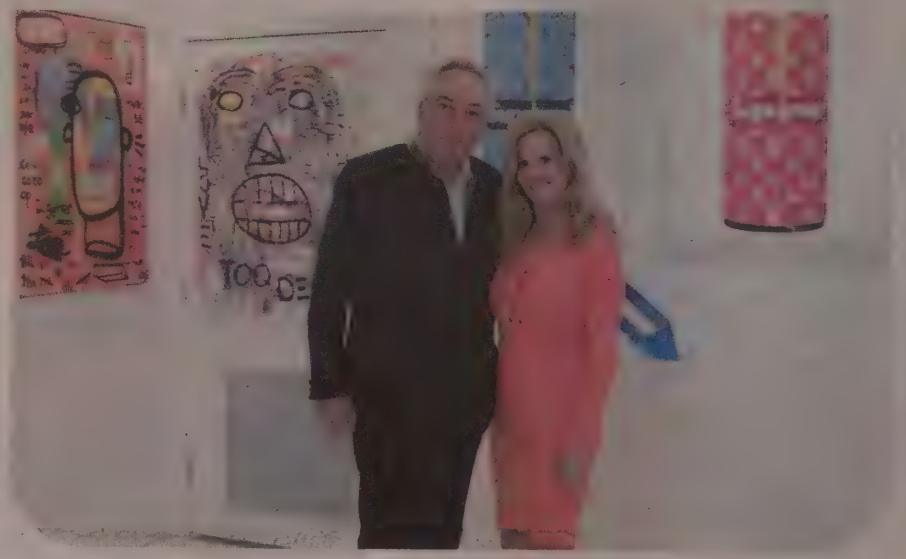
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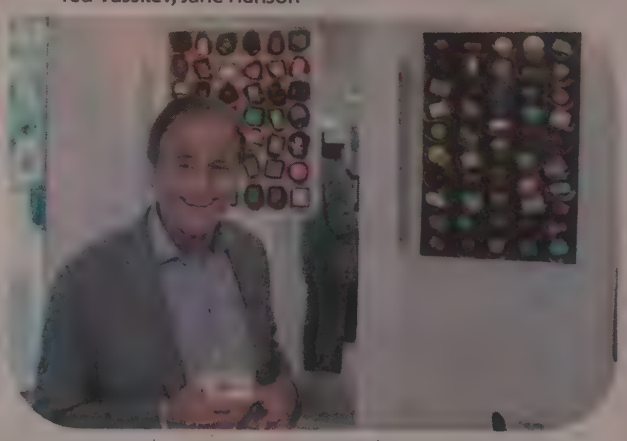
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Jean Shafiroff Hosts Luncheon in Honor of American Humane

Jean Shafiroff, John Payne, Robin Ganzert

Philanthropist and American Humane board member Jean Shafiroff hosted an outdoor luncheon in honor of American Humane, Executive Director Dr. Robin Ganzert and Board President John Payne at Swifty's at The Colony Hotel. American Humane's Pups4Patriots Dinner will take place on February 28 at Club Colette in Palm Beach.

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Ramona Singer, Robin Ganzert

Jean Shafiroff, Robin Ganzer

Vicki Schneps, David Hochberg

Danielle Rollins, Lauren Day Roberts

Pamela Morgan, Jean Shafiroff

John Payne, Nancy Payne, Sharon Jablin, Robin Ganzert.

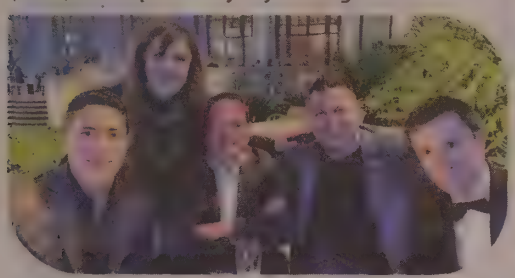
Jean Shafiroff, Meg McCarthy, Ava Roosevelt, Danielle Rollins, Kim Renk

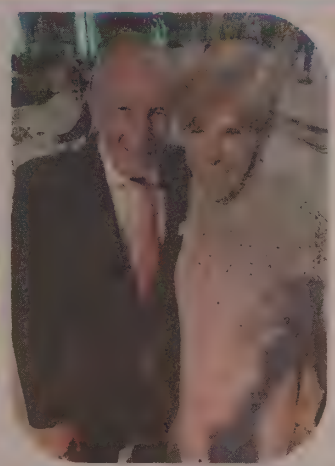
Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK

JANE ROTHCHILD
Seen at: Lexus dealership, West Palm Beach
What we love: The wild pants by Krazy Larry (and her taste in reading material while waiting for her car to be serviced!)

Palm Beach Opera Gala with Soprano Nadine Sierra

The Palm Beach Opera Gala took place on February 7, featuring the talented soprano Nadine Sierra, accompanied by Bryan Wagon.


Bryan Wagon (pianist), Dr. Chris Snyder (executive director of Dreyfood School of the Arts), David Hochberg, Paulo Yeshida, Alice Kendell


David Genser (president of the Palm Beach Opera), Joan Genser (honorary co-chair)

Yefim Buzik, Velvina Buzik, Chris Snyder, Lisa Marie Conte Browne, Joseph C. Raskauskas, Dee Donato

Bryan Wagon (pianist), Nadine Sierra (soprano)

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Ballet Palm Beach Gala at The Colony Hotel

Ballet Palm Beach held its annual fundraising gala at The Colony Hotel in support of its WE BELIEVE Season of Dance. The memorable evening featured dancing under the stars, silent and live auctions and a delightful dinner.

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Karl Ruppert (president of Palm Beach Ballet Board), Wayne Safro

Jill Switzer, Christ Santiago, Beth Safro, Eda Sorokoff

Peter Brown, Nancy Brown

Anka Palitz (honorary chair)

Richard Johnson Luncheon at Swifty's

Philanthropist Jean Shafiroff held a luncheon for Richard Johnson at Swifty's at The Colony Hotel. Johnson now has a Sunday column in the *Daily News*.

Annie Watt, Frank D'Agostino

Richard Johnson, Jean Shafiroff

Todd Shapiro,Victoria Schneps, Frank Celenza, Ramona Singer, Christine Schott Ledes, Richard Johnson, Jean Shafiroff, Sharon Bush, Robert Caravaggi, George Ledes

Gary Lieberthal "Just Sayin" Yacht Party

Just sayin' ... Gary Lieberthal and friends had a fabulous time on his yacht titled (you guessed it) *Just Sayin'*.

Gary Lieberthal

Barbara Lehrer, Donna Carrado, Babette Cohen

Gary Lieberthal, Halim Flowers

Adele Fuschsberg, Vicki Schneps and Marnie Fireman

Adele Fuchsberg and Derek Enlander

Gary Lieberthal, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gates

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International Polo Club Palm Beach Yvsilaker Cup

The International Polo Club Palm Beach Yvsilaker Cup tournament drew an impressive crowd in Wellington – the world's premier polo destination.

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Katie Brennan, Chip McKenney

Trexler Goodman

Jeffrey O'Brecht, Isaac Boots

Trish Carroll, Pamela Taylor Yates, Katie Carpenter

Vera Chapman, Taryn Hartnett, Gray Chapman

USA rider Molly Ashe-Cawley (Red Riding Hood)

Olympic gold medalist Ben Maher (Shaggy of Scooby-Doo)

Great Charity Challenge at Winter Equestrian Festival

The Great Charity Challenge – one of the biggest nights of the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington – took place on February 5. In whimsical fashion, 33 teams of equestrians and their mounts, representing local non-profit organizations, took to the ring to compete for a share of more than $1.7 million in prize money. Sponsored by Fidelity Investments.

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Olympian Shane Sweetnam (Cat in the Hat)

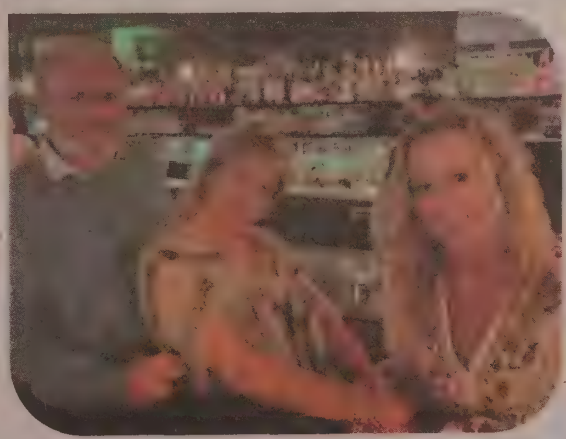
Ava de Caster (Golden Snitch from Harry Potter)

SEEN on the Palm Beach SCENE ...

Celebrity facialist Thuyen Nguyen at the Marina

Julie Walker (Artists & Writers Game) at The Colony Hotel

Harrison Morgan, Guy Clark at The Old Bags Luncheon at The Colony Hotel



Ted Conklin (The American Hotel), Susie Franklin Jane Hanson at La Goulu

Donna Schneier, Ghislain d'Humieres (Norton Museum Exec Director), Beth Rudin

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NEWS & VIEWS

Police Investigate Southampton Home as Part of Lottery Scam

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Suffolk County Police Financial Crimes Unit detectives are investigating a lottery scam that targeted an elderly man who sent money from New Mexico to the Hamptons.

Financial Crimes Unit detectives and Southampton Village Police were notified that a 75-year-old resident of Bernalillo, New Mexico shipped $8,500 in cash to a home in the Village of Southampton, believing he was a lottery winner and the money would pay fees for him to collect his prize.

Police waited at the location after the package was delivered at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, but no one responded at the home to retrieve it.

Residents should note that anyone asking to receive cash or gift cards in order to release larger sums of money is almost surely targeting them in a scam. Do not send the money, even if a supposed cashier's check is sent, or a deposit is made to back it up.

According to the FBI, millions of elderly Americans fall victim to one or more types of financial fraud or confidence schemes, such as romance, lottery, and sweepstakes scams, among many others. "Seniors are often targeted because they tend to be trusting and polite," the agency notes, adding, "They also usually have financial savings, own a home, and have good credit — all of which make them attractive to scammers."

A 2020 FBI Elder Fraud Report points out that the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) received a total of 791,790 complaints that year with reported losses exceeding $4.1 billion nationwide.

Detectives are asking anyone who believes they may be a victim of a scam or have information about a scam to call the Financial Crimes Unit at 631-852-6821.

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$8,500 IN CASH RECOVERED AS PART OF A JOINT SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE AND SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE LOTTERY SCAM INVESTIGATION

East Hampton Man Charged in Death of Kevin Somers

COURTESY CAROLINE SOMERS

KEVIN SOMERS

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Following an autopsy this week, Suffolk County Police and East Hampton Town Police arrested Marc Dern on Thursday, February 10 for the killing of Kevin Somers.

Dern, 34, has been charged with first-degree manslaughter for his role in the death of 45-year-old Somers during a fight in Dern's East Hampton home at 11 Lincoln Avenue on Saturday night, February 5.

"The defendant choked Kevin Somers by placing him in a headlock causing compression to the neck ... which fractured the hyoid bone, causing is death," police alleged in court papers. The fight reportedly broke out after the two men were watching golf together.

Prosecutors alleged Dern took an Uber to a wooded area with a backpack after the death occurred. Dern's Miller Place-based attorney, John Ray, questioned the relevance of the allegation if no weapon was used in the death.

East Hampton Town Police officers had responded to a 911 call reporting the altercation between Dern and Somers at Dern's home on Lincoln Avenue at 10:40 p.m. on February 5, police said. Somers was taken to Southampton Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Dern was not injured in the altercation, police said.

Dern was held overnight on Thursday. His bail was set at $500,000 cash, $1 million bond, or $2 million partially secured bond during his arraignment at Southampton Court on Friday, February 11, instead of East Hampton Town Court because Town Justice Steven Tekulsky recused himself from the case. Dern wore a hooded sweatshirt, jeans and sneakers as he made his initial court appearance.

Beloved by his community, Somers was a lifelong East Hampton local, growing up in Springs where he attended Springs School, before joining East Hampton High School's class of 1994 and then Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina. He lived in Amagansett, was a father and worked as caddy master at the Maidstone Club. And he was proud of being a Bonacker.

A scholarship fund has been set up in Somers' name, "to continue his legacy of sporting excellence for local student-athletes," the Kevin Somers Scholarship Fund gofundme page explains. "All who knew Kevin were aware of his enthusiasm, compassion, dedication, and generosity towards family, friends, and community." It had received more than $47,000 of its $50,000 goal as of Tuesday, February 15. In lieu of flowers, the family is suggesting a donation to The Kevin Somers Scholarship fund.

"Our family would like to thank everyone for the tremendous outpouring of love and affection during these difficult times," they wrote on the scholarship page. *With reporting by Timothy Bolger*

Cops Probe Suspected ODs at Riverhead High School

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Authorities are investigating three suspected cases of Riverhead High School students overdosing in a 10-day span, although none of the incidents — which were not fatal — are believed to be related, officials said.

The school nurse revived all three students with Narcan, an antidote used for opioid overdoses. Opiates and fentanyl were ruled out in each of the cases. All three students were taken to Peconic Bay Medical Center for evaluation.

"Parents are strongly urged to have a conversation with their children about the dangers of drug use and to seek help if needed," police said.

In the first incident, which occurred on February 4, the student told police that he used another student's vape pen in class. Then on February 10, police responded to the school again for a report of a student who passed out, but the student told police that he has been ill for the last few weeks and has not utilized any illegal narcotics. And on February 14, police responded to a report of a student with difficulty breathing who reported eating half of a chocolate candy bar infused with Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, that he bought from an unidentified person in Flanders.

After the third incident, Riverhead High School Principal Sean O'Hara wrote a letter to parents saying that substance abuse awareness events will be held soon. He also wrote that psychologists, social workers and school counselors are available to students.

Riverhead police urged parents to visit the RESOURCE page on the Riverhead CAP website at riverheadcap.org and asked anyone with information on the cases to call the Riverhead Town Police at 631-727-4500 x 312 or the Riverhead Police Department Crime Hotline at 631-727-3333. All calls will be kept confidential.

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Loud Noises in the Air

BY DAN RATTINER

The loudest noise I ever heard in the sky happened whenever a Concorde decelerated through the sound barrier low over the Hamptons as it came in to land at John F. Kennedy International Airport. There'd be a brief hum and then a horrendous window-rattling crack. It left a ringing in your ears.

For those who are too young to remember Concorde, here's a primer. Concorde was a commercial airliner built by manufacturers in Great Britain and France that flew supersonic flights for 27 years beginning in 1976 between JFK and either London or Paris. At 1,354 miles an hour, it could save four hours on the usual seven-hour flight, appealing to the super rich whose precious four hours was easily worth $4,181 one way in extra airfare. Concorde carried up to 128 passengers.

Many had objected to Concorde for environmental reasons, but we here in the Hamptons had been promised that the deceleration bang would take place over the ocean before it got to Montauk. On the other hand, about once every two months, a pilot would forget to press the deceleration button in time. (It was possible to save an extra five or six minutes to do it later than earlier.) So the mistake sometimes happened.

In those days, good people envied the fortunate few who flew Concorde. A perk for the rich. Maybe someday I could fly in one.

One day in 2000, a Concorde taking off from Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris hit debris on the runway and exploded, killing all on board. That was the end of that: Concorde's final flight was in 2003. Surviving Concordes today are in museums.

I mention this because as East Hampton Airport moves toward limiting the aircraft that can go in and out due to the excessive noise they make, I wanted to put in a good word for the billionaires who fly their personal big jets into East Hampton. Noisy, yes. But there are only a few that do that. And their aircraft are so graceful and gorgeous.

The fact is that the number of aircraft that fly in and out of East Hampton every year is the same as flew in and out in 2000. It's just that now half of them are very unpleasant helicopters. On any summer's day, helicopters noisily land and take off almost every hour. It's terrible. Big personal jets? Maybe on average one flight a day.

Hooray for the super rich, I say. And their 200-foot yachts (which can, when in a slip, block a stroller's personal view of the water.)

I mention all this because we need our billionaires as this airport reorganization unfolds. The strategy of our current town officials — and they own East Hampton Airport — is to shut it down on February 28 and then on March 4, four days later, reopen it as a town-owned private airport. As a public airport, the town cannot control unlimited growth at the airport. As a private airport, they can.

The naysayers say that in closing the airport on February 28, so much paperwork will need to happen to allow it to reopen as a private facility it could not possibly be reopened until maybe two years from now instead of four days. So really this is a fool's errand.

Nobody disputes that the equipment being used at the airport today is completely adequate and superior to anything that could ever be needed for a less busy private airport. It's just that getting things rubber stamped and approved will take huge amounts of time by the paper pushers. That's how it's always been. That's how it will be, even though the town promises to use the good stuff until the other stuff comes along.

MIKE SEGAR

A BRITISH AIRWAYS CONCORDE SUPERSONIC JET MAKES IT'S FINAL LANDING AT NEW YORK'S JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS IT ARRIVES FROM [LONDON'S HEATHROW] AIRPORT, NOVEMBER 10, 2003. [THE CONCORDE, WHICH MADE IT'S FINAL COMMERCIAL FLIGHT FROM JFK TO HEATHROW ON OCTOBER 24, WAS RETURNING TO NEW YORK TO BECOME PART OF A PERMANENT EXHIBIT AT THE INTREPID SEA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM IN MANHATTAN WHERE IT WILL BE PLACED ON A 260 FOOT BARGE ATTACHED TO THE MUSEUM COMPLEX ON THE HUDSON RIVER.]

Let me tell you something If. a billionaire on the ocean in the Hamptons one evening says he wants a particular kind of lemonade only made in small batches and served at a particular country inn in Northern California, people will have it on his dining room table when he comes down in his robe for breakfast the next day.

Now imagine there are 23 ocean-front billionaires in the Hamptons with big private jets who will be shocked if there is no East Hampton Airport. Do they want to have the airport closed because of the paper pushers for two years? I think not. I think proper federal officials will be successfully leaned upon to have it back open in four days. After which the Town will be able to cut back the number of flights to a reasonable amount, which is what they repeatedly have said is all that they want to do.

This is a win-win situation.

And here's something else. You probably know by now that Dan's Papers has opened a winter edition in Palm Beach. As a result, I have been writing a column in it and took on the assignment of writing about Wellington Aero Club in West Palm Beach County.

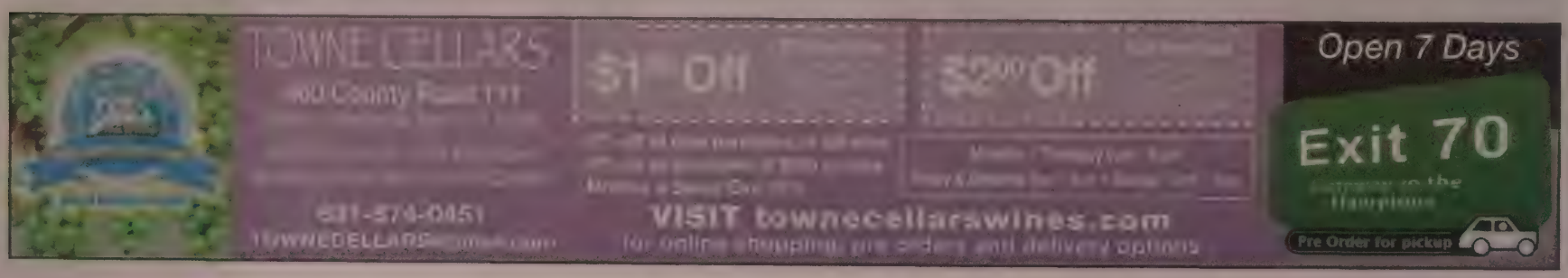
I haven't written it yet, but I've done the research. Do you know that it's always necessary for a wealthy estate owner to have a private six-car garage, a tennis court, a swimming pool, an English garden and, in some cases, a pitch-and-putt golf course on their property? Well, there's a group of about 250 homeowners who live in Palm Beach County that in addition to those trappings have a personal hangar attached to their homes in which they can park their own private airplane.

These folks all live alongside a 4,000-foot-long communally owned private runway. Any day, at their pleasure, they can fire up their aircraft, taxi it out to the end of the runway, and fly off over the traffic to anywhere they desire.

The Aero Club includes a beautiful jointly owned clubhouse where the members can hold weddings or other social events or just play billiards and cards or sit in a dining room and have a meal. Did I mention there is a bar?

The Aero Club takes up 500 acres. East Hampton Airport is 600 acres. I say, giving it all a little thought, that in addition to the reduced aircraft activity, have an Aero Club. The sky's the limit.

And no lawsuits, please. If they were to happen and if they led to an injunction, all they will do is close the airport for a long time or perhaps forever. And nobody who flies wants that to happen.



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In The Air: Offshore Wind Farm Plans Gain Steam, Despite Cloudy Forecast

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ONE OF THE BLOCK ISLAND WIND FARM STRUCTURES, PART OF THE FIRST COMMERCIAL OFFSHORE WIND FARM IN THE UNITED STATES, LOCATED 3.8 MILES FROM BLOCK ISLAND, SITS IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN NEW SHOREHAM, RHODE ISLAND, U.S., AUGUST 5, 2019.

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

From the shores of Maine to Florida, eyes across the East Coast are looking to offshore wind farms as the future of green energy, with the latest gust forward coming to the Hamptons.

As officials held a groundbreaking — or a seafloor breaking, as it were — ceremony in Wainscott on February 11 to mark construction starting on the 130-megawatt South Fork Wind, the first offshore wind project in New York State, proponents adjusted their sails for the headwinds the industry faces, from environmental challenges to economic hurdles.

"When you ask what the energy future may look like, I say, 'The answer my friend is blowing in the wind,'" Gov. Kathy Hochul told the crowd gathered for the ceremonial first shovel in the ground. She apologized to Bob Dylan for co-opting his lyrics, then led the ceremony as the folk song played in the background.

South Fork Wind is one of six offshore wind farms in the works in The Empire State. It follows the nation's first, which went online off Block Island in 2016 and comes as Massachusetts currently is developing another. The offshore wind push is further along in the Northeast — although in Maine, the push has shifted to the emerging technology of floating wind farms — with environmentalists still working to sell the idea in the Southeast, where nonprofits such as Environment Florida are spearheading campaigns to get officials to pursue offshore wind.

President Joe Biden early last year set a goal to deploy 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy — enough to power 10 million homes — by 2030. The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), the division of the Interior Department that oversees offshore wind permitting, will hold up to seven lease sales by 2025 in the Gulf of Maine, Gulf of Mexico, and off the coasts of California, the Carolinas and Oregon. And on February 23, BOEM will auction to offshore wind developers six lease areas — sales could result in 5.6 to 7 gigawatts of offshore wind energy, which is enough to power nearly 2 million homes.

But Long Island Power Authority CEO Tom Falcone notes some regions are better politically and geographically suited for offshore wind.

"There are some projects as far down as Virginia," he said in an interview. "The resource is better up here, the water is shallower up here. That's the

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main impediment in California, where the water is deep. So they have very high renewable goals, but it's hard to construct on existing technologies ... As you go farther south, though, the resource isn't quite as good, but also the states are less aggressive about clean energy goals. Right now there really is no federal energy policy. It's all state by state. New York is zero carbon by 2040 ... There's no similar goal in Florida."

LOCAL OPPOSITION

The South Fork Wind farm's developers, Ørsted & Eversource, who plan to build 12 turbines about 30 miles off Montauk's coast — enough to power 70,000 homes annually — have faced legal challenges from some Wainscott residents opposed to the cable coming ashore in their community.

Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott filed a motion in the Appellate Division of New York State Supreme Court to block the construction until the court has an opportunity to rule on the group's appeal of the state Public Service Commission's decision allowing the cable to run through the community. The appeals court judges rejected that motion last month, but the suit is pending.

"We continue to support the move to renewable energy and celebrate the progress toward that goal," the group said in a statement following the groundbreaking. "But we continue to have serious reservations regarding an infrastructure project that runs its cable through residential neighborhoods, and next to a PFAS superfund site, particularly when better alternative sites were available. Our focus will continue to be on protecting our community."

The group isn't the only one opposed. Bonnie Brady, executive director of the Montauk-based Long Island Commercial Fishing Association, protested the groundbreaking ceremony while playing an audio recording of what she says the construction noise will sound like from on land. As officials left, she reminded them that the turbines will be built in North Atlantic Right Whale territory.

Michael Wootton, a 63-year-old semi-retired lifeguard from Wainscott, rallied alongside her.

"Wind power is a poor solution to meet peak demand in summertime," he said, arguing that the oceanfront will be ruined forever by the construction.

JAMES MEINKEN

KEVIN HALPIN, BONNIE BRADY, CHRIS WOOD AND MICHAEL WOOTON PROTEST THE WIND FARM.

Besides the marine life and aesthetic concerns, the larger issue of industrializing the ocean also proves problematic for some.

"These facilities operate on land, where people and our developments and demands for power live, along with the messes we're created," said Steven Resler, a retired NY Department of State coastal manager. "They don't belong in, on, or over the water. Where do they belong on land? Mixed with other energy generating facilities (including solar) in industrial areas, along energy generating transmission corridors outside of residential areas, along major transportation corridors such as interstate and certain state highway medians and right of ways, former landfill sites, and other areas not previously developed."

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GOV. KATHY HOCHUL, CENTER, LEADS THE SOUTH FORK WIND GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY IN WAINSCOTT

ECONOMIC ISSUES

In the bigger picture, the transition to clean energy required to prevent temperatures from rising swiftly could shave 2% off global GDP by 2050 but is likely recoverable before the end of the century, a report by natural resources consultancy Wood Mackenzie said last month.

While investments in technologies like solar and wind farms, and advanced batteries will generate jobs, the transition will also likely cause a loss of jobs and tax revenues in fossil fuel production, said the report called "No Pain, No Gain: The economic consequences of accelerating the energy transition."

"It's by no means a way to say that we shouldn't pursue transition or slow it down," said Peter Martin, WoodMac's chief economist. "This pain in the short-term will pay off in the long-term."

Benefits from limiting the rise in temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius, as called for by the United Nations, could boost global GDP, on aggregate by 1.6% in 2050, the report said. But actions required to spur the transition to keep temperatures from going above that level could cut 3.6% from GDP in 2050, resulting in the 2% hit, the report said.

The impacts will not be felt evenly. Wealthy economies with deep capital markets that already have big investments in energy transition technologies, or a propensity to invest in new technologies, will be better positioned. France and Switzerland, for example, will likely enjoy a modest boost to economic growth.

The economic benefits of the energy transition should start to show after 2035 and lost economic output would be eventually recouped before the century's end, the report said.

Regardless, local officials remain optimistic for the future of Long Island's offshore wind industry.

"In 2014 East Hampton was the first municipality in New York to adopt a 100% renewable energy goal," East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc said. "Today, with the beginning of the construction of New York's first offshore wind farm we are very close to reaching that goal."

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'Summer House' Filmed at This $5 Million Hamptons Pad

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THE "SUMMER HOUSE" CASTMATES PARTY BY THE POOL IN THE SECOND EPISODE.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Bravo's *Summer House* premiered last month keeping viewers warm during this cold winter with reminders of summer season fun. The housemates decamped to the East End for summer weekends and they were thrilled with their new digs, but it left viewers asking, where was their home base?

Summer House has filmed in several locations over its six seasons to create a Hamptons share house, and this season debuted a new pad, a $5 million home.

The 6,500-square-foot home, located at 2136 Deerfield Road, is in a wooded area between Sag Harbor and Water Mill, not far from some of the other homes. It may, however, be the show's most lavish yet.

With 8,700 square feet in total, including the fully-finished lower level, the home was fully renovated in 2020 with a new gourmet kitchen and a striking movie theater. The gated, five-acre compound also features a freeform pool and adjacent hot tub, as well as a newly-designed pool house complete with a sun deck and an outdoor bar — and if you've ever watched *Summer House*, you know there is a lot of drinking going on.

Summer House on the Market

According to deed transfer records, the house sold on June 22, just before filming began, for $4.6 million. Now, it's under contract to be sold again, an online listing with Compass's Craig Beem shows. Compass declined a request for photos of the home.

The last ask was $4.495 million. Originally, the owners were seeking $5.995 million.

The Compass listing notes there is potential for rental income of over $400,000. The home was listed for rent for $250,000 when it came off the market in March, a month before the production company filed for a film permit with the Town of Southampton.

As much square footage as there is, the seven-bedroom, the eight-and-a-half-bath house was not quite enough to accommodate all of the castmembers — perhaps that's a tactic to create some of the necessary drama for a reality series? The summer filming season follows the main cast of Lindsay Hubbard, Paige DeSorbo, Kyle Cooke, Amanda Batula, Carl Radke, Danielle Olivera, Ciara Miller and Luke Gulbranson. They are joined by new friends Andrea Denver, Mya Allen and Alex Wach.

Cooke and Batula, who spend the summer gearing up for their wedding, luck out and get the master bedroom. It boasts an expansive dressing room and closet that Cooke calls "a $1 million closet," in the first episode and laments his fiancée will never be happy until she gets a closet like that in their own home.

The house was mostly empty in the real estate photos, except for a few beds, like the distinct, massive driftwood headboard in the master suite.

Truly Original filmed for 32 days between June 28 and then on weekends between July 1 and then July 3 and September 6, according to the film permit obtained through a Southampton Town Freedom of Information request. Worth noting, the cost of the filing fee: $16,250.

David Marvisi, a former nightclub owner, is listed on the permit as the sole proprietor, and in the inspection and indemnity agreement in April, he listed himself as a member of the limited liability corporation that owned the property, 2136 Deerfield Property LLC. As of the June 22 closing, Du-Car Management Co LLC is the owner.

Summer House premiered in 2016 when it was filmed inside a 4,500-square-foot beach house on Napeague — though the premise was that it was Montauk. The following year, the Town of East Hampton denied Bravo a film permit since share houses are technically illegal.

Production moved west to Water Mill. The show shot for a few seasons at 1451 Deerfield Road, a 6,500-square-foot home on a 5.2-acre parcel that is a little closer to Water Mill from this season's house, before moving to another location nearby.

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SUMMER HOUSE SEASON 6 CAST: PAIGE DESORBO, LUKE GULBRANSON, ANDREA DENVER, CARL RADKE, MYA ALLEN, DANIELLE OLIVERA, CIARA MILLER, KYLE COOKE, AMANDA BATULA, LINDSAY HUBBARD, ALEX WACH

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Keeping Your Roof Clear of Snow

Icy winter landscapes are beautiful, but they can prove burdensome to homeowners. As snow piles up, all that weight equates to structural stress, especially for buildings with flat roofs.

Here's how to prevent snow build-up from damaging your home.

1. PREVENT ICE DAMS

An ice dam is just what it sounds like-ice build up that blocks off sections of your roof and prevents snow from sliding off. Invest in heated cables to help the snow slide right off your roof's back.

2. CALCULATE SNOW LOAD

While most roofs are designed to hold up to 20 pounds per square foot according to modern building codes, older structures and those with flat roofs may struggle under the weight of even moderate snow accumulation.

To calculate the snow load on your roof, assume that every inch deep of snow equals 1.25 pounds. Your equation for determining snow load, S x 1.25 = P, is fairly straightforward math. S equals the depth in inches of the snow on your roof and P represents the pounds per square foot your roof is supporting.

3. USE A ROOF RAKE

If you have too much snow on your roof, you'll need the right tool for the job. If you have a pitched roof, you can use a long-handled rake to remove snow from your roof. But not just any rake will do. Look for a long-handled roof rake.

4. CALL IN THE PROS

Roof snow removal services are less expensive than you might think- especially when you consider emergency costs for slipping and falling or the kind of damage your home could sustain if the roof collapses.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.

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Amagansett	Joseph & Rosemary Bova	Thomas Pescod	5 Holly Hill Road	Residence	12/18/21	1,602,000
Amagansett	82 Shore Drive East LLC	Jill A Donenfeld	82 Shore Drive East	Residence	10/25/21	999,999
Amagansett	Eileen & James Ditingo	Robert Vassil	101 Mulford Lane	Residence	12/29/21	550,000
Amagansett	James Ditingo	Danielle Fromm	105 Mulford Lane	Residence	12/29/21	447,000
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Honoring the Cover Artist:
Halim Flowers

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's cover by artist/writer Halim Flowers is a message of love and hope — a message from a man who spent 22 years locked away in a place devoid of either and who now hopes to share his transformative message throughout the Hamptons, New York City, Palm Beach and beyond.

Despite stellar grades and test scores in his youth, by age 12 Flowers had succumbed to the bleak mindset that his best chance of escaping poverty was to forsake his academic pursuits to sell drugs on the streets of Washington, D.C. That decision came with grave consequences.

"Due to poverty, immaturity, lack of self-love, I dropped out of school to make money selling drugs when I was 12 because I thought my identity was tied to my wealth status," Flowers explains. "By me having that low self-esteem, it made me susceptible to peer influence, and I chose — I can accept the accountability for that — I chose to forsake my academic career to be a drug dealer, and once I made the decision to live that lifestyle, then all the negative ramifications that came with it led to me receiving two life sentences at the age of 16 for a crime I literally did not commit."

In the wrong place at the wrong time, Flowers was found with a young man accused of felony murder and was charged as an adult accomplice to the crime, resulting in a 40-year sentence. Those looking for an in-depth look into the chapter in his life can watch the Emmy Award-winning documentary *Thug Life in D.C.*

While incarcerated, her was desperate for a creative outlet and was encouraged to try freestyle rapping — "my generation's voice, just like jazz was for my grandfather," he says. From there, his lyrics shifted to poetry as a means to express his trauma of growing up in "crack era" D.C. His love of the written word flourished and by 2005, he started the SATO (Struggle Against The Odds) Communications publishing company, which published 11 works during his sentence.

In 2017, the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act was passed in D.C., which retroactively lessened the punishment of minors, and by 2019, Flowers was allowed to return to society having served 22 years and two months of his 40-year sentence. While thankfully shorter than the original sentence, 22 years is no small amount of time, and it would be perfectly understandable to be filled with hate having spent your 20s and 30s locked away from society, but "hate" is not a concept Flowers believes in.

"The way that the penal system is structured in America, versus what I read about other Western developed nations, is very punitive, very cruel and unusual to the human condition and spirt. It's devoid of love," he says. "So what I'm painting about most of the time is love, because I've experienced for 22 years the complete void of love. I don't believe that hate is a real entity, I think it's just the absence of love."

Flowers' transition from poetry to painting began with works of "photopoetry," first of which was a *Wall Street Journal* that featured an image of Vladimir Putin, which he proceeded to scrawl poetry and commentary around. This evolved to photopoetry using works of himself as an incarcerated child and other powerful imagery. At this time, he wasn't quite ready to overcome his doubts about his painting aptitude. He had only learned a couple years prior that Black artists such as Basquiat could be celebrated painters.

"I've never been visually inclined creatively," he says. "(But) I transcended my fear of not knowing how to draw or paint and realized that, you know what, I don't know how to draw or paint like anybody else but myself, but I'm in-tune with what I feel as a poet and as someone who has my own individually developed philosophy about life and living, and I'm just going to paint what I feel."

A natural progression from his photopoetry, Flowers' painting are like poems themselves — words of love, motivation, hope and self-reflection. Some may try to glean political leanings from his thought-provoking works, but he remains anti-political and focused on his main message.

"Instead of me using my creativity in the interest of politics, race politics, anger or reactionary sentiments, that I could do more effective and transcendent work if I created from an intention of love," he shares. "I believe that's what's missing, that is why we always find ourselves in such a divisive environment in our nation today. I believe it's destroying us internally as human beings and I just want to be a part of change, real dynamic change, and I want my legacy — whether it's through my creativity, my artwork, my paintings or just the way I think and the way I treat human beings when I engage with them — (to reflect that)."

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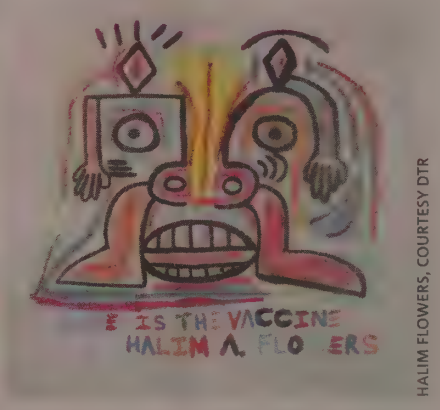
HALIM FLOWERS SHOWING OFF HIS NEWLY DESIGNED HAT AND SWEATSHIRT



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Repped by Dr. Ted Vassilev, owner of DTR Modern — with gallery locations in Palm Beach, Nantucket, Manhattan and other art hot spots — Flowers has already achieved several of his artistic dreams in the short time he's been painting. His artworks have been featured in a solo exhibition at the National Arts Club in Gramercy Park and in a group exhibition at MoMA PS1. Flowers reports that Vassilev even secured him an apartment and art studio in the city.

"When you're a painter, the mecca is New York," Flowers says. "On a career level, I'm most proud of having a New York presence, which has allowed me to have relationships with people in New York City."

He continues, "In prison that's what you're restricted from, they don't allow you to meet people, and I know the value of people. That's what's been the greatest thing for me with my art journey is that it's allowed me to be in the company, in the homes and in the hearts of people in the Hamptons, Palm Beach, Nantucket and other places where people with my type of lived experience wouldn't even be present in those types of environments and neighborhoods."

While Flowers' successful career as a painter is still young, he's already looking for ways to share it and bring others up out of the poverty he knew in his youth. "Collecting is so important for low-income individuals. When I look to someone like Jean-Michel Basquiat who has paintings that are selling for hundreds of millions of dollars, if he had the opportunity to foresee the viability of his creativity economically and commercially, he could've strategically placed certain pieces within the homes of people who just the sale of one of those pieces could lift an entire family or entire village out of poverty," he explains. "I want it to be that some of my work is placed within families and households that can upkeep the work that I can educate about the art market so that if there is a day when my works sells in the second or third market at high prices, the family is already educated to know how to either sell the work or to loan the work to where the work becomes a source of residual income."

In addition to fine art, Flowers is now expanding once again with the debut of his first fashion line. Shop hats, sneakers, hoodies and more when Flowers' online store goes live on February 19.

Whether selling high-end art, books or clothing, Flowers remains humble and grateful for this incredible opportunity to spread his message of love. "I grew up in an environment that showed me that all I could do was sell drugs to escape poverty, and to have the opportunity at age of 40 to transition to this new practice and to be so well-received — when a person buys a painting and puts it on their wall, they're taking you into their home, so this is bigger than just a commercial transaction for me," he says. "I just hope that anyone who reads this or hears this knows that everything I'm doing is from an intention of love all the time."

To see more of and shop Halim Flowers' paintings, visit dtrmodern.com.

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Kevin Babington: A Rider Worth Rallying For

BY DAVID TAYLOR

When thinking of equestrians held in high esteem in both Palm Beach and the East End, few names ring louder than that of Kevin Babington, an Olympics-level Irish rider who tragically fell from his horse at the 2019 Hampton Classic Grand Prix and suffered a complete spinal cord injury that left him paralyzed from the neck down and unable to breathe regularly. Now in 2022, he's slowly regaining control over his body, has a busy teaching schedule from his farm in Wellington, FL and is doing color commentary at area equestrian competitions.

None of this would've been possible without his unbreakable resolve and the creation of the Kevin Babington Foundation.

Shortly after immigrating to the U.S., Babington gained widespread acclaim as the Leading Rider at the CSIO National Horse Show, then as the winner of the Hickstead Grand Prix in England, then two victories at the 2004 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) in Wellington. In 2013, he took the Grand Prix prize at the I Love New York Horse Show, the Hampton Classic Grand Prix prize in 2014, then an Irish Team win in the FEI Nations Cup and a Grand Prix win at HITS Ocala CSIO4 in 2015. In the following years, he earned more big wins at WEF, the Hampton Classic, the Silver Oak Jumper Tournament and other prestigious horse jumping events. He seemed an unstoppable force.

"The year of the fall, he was kind of on a tear — he was first, second and third on three different horses at Lake Placid, which is statistically unheard of," says Jeff Papows, Kevin Babington Foundation chairman, Silver Oak Jumper Tournament founder/chairman and author. "He was doing extraordinarily well, and he was preparing to go to the Tokyo Olympiad."

When Babington fell, he landed on his chest and somersaulted forward, stretching the spinal cord in his neck, though thankfully not tearing it completely. He was helilifted to a trauma hospital and placed on a respirator. Things looked dire.

"They were convinced that would be the end of it, but Kevin being Kevin, he just continued to fight," Papows says. And the equestrian community decided to join the fight, as well.

The Kevin Babington Foundation was founded to help raise awareness and funds for Babington's costly medical care and physical therapy, to do the same for other riders who suffer spinal injuries, and to advocate for improved safety equipment and immediate treatment of such injuries. Fellow equestrians were eager to contribute and Papows has a hunch why the community rallied as strongly as it did.

"(After winning a Grand Prix) Kevin would always look for the smallest child coming out of the in-gate, and he'd take the ribbon off his horse and toss it to the child. He was just that way," he says as an example of Babington's exemplary character. "Because of that, when he got hurt, the sport — I think somewhat uncharacteristically — rallied around him."

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KEVIN BABINGTON AND SAMANTHA

Papows continues, "I think we've been successful because of the esteem Kevin is held in, not because of his talent or accomplishments, but because he's been a dirt-under-the-fingernails, hard-working guy who's always set to take young horses and make them into Grand Prix athletes, instead of spending millions to buy them. And he's always helped the students along the way who couldn't afford lessons."

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KEVIN BABINGTON AND MARK Q AT THE 2019 SILVER OAK JUMPER TOURNAMENT

On the topic of jumping lessons, Papows reports that Babington was eager to get back to teaching after his sessions in a hyperbaric oxygen chamber helped strengthen his lungs enough to breathe and speak without issue. And though wheelchair-bound for the time being, Babington's mind is as sharp as ever — able to spot a pinky out of place via cameras that allow him to teach remotely.

"Keeping him mentally in the sport continues to motivate him," Papows says. "He's got as many students now as he had before the accident." In addition to the motivation aspect, teaching at the Wellington farm has helped restore Babington's skilled family of riders — wife Dianna and daughters Gwyneth and Marielle — to a steady stream of income after so many of his clients vanished following the accident.

Through stem cell intervention trials at Mayo Clinic, physical therapy four hours a day and many fascinating devices such as a mechanical saddle to strengthen core muscles, Babington's body is getting stronger and showing miraculous signs of mobility improvement. He is now able to move all of his toes, three fingers on his left hand — "including the important Irish one" — and his more-abled right hand can nearly reach his face. His favorite device seems to be his functional electrical stimulation bike, which sees the user strapped in by the hands and feet and hooked up to electrodes that stimulate the muscles and retrain the neurons.

"The next major thing we all want to see is him being able to stand and get out of the chair, and that's a ways off, clearly, but I have no doubt that we're going to get there," Papows says. "If it were somebody else in a similar circumstance with the same injury, I'd be much more skeptical, but this guy's will is heroic."

His new wheelchair grants him limited independence with right arm joystick control, and it comes equipped with a button that triggers emergency services. Should he be unable to push the button, such as during a blood sugar crash, he is being outfitted with a service dog who will press the button for him should he say the command "help." Donated by Canine Support Teams Inc., Samantha has also been trained to pick up dropped items, open doors and remain calm around horses.

The Kevin Babington Foundation has been by his side every step of the way and continues to raise money and awareness for Babington and riders like him, such as young Alexis Halbert, who in 2020 at age 15 fell in a children's jumper class and broke three vertebrae, leaving her legs without feeling. The foundation helped pay for her bespoke care at The Shepherd Center, and she's now walking again and even plans to play soccer next season.

The next fundraiser takes place on February 22 at Mida Farm in Wellington, where Victoria McCullough will be hosting a Kevin Babington Foundation benefit and auction, which include items such as a guitar signed by Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, private lessons with top equestrians (including Babington) and more. Riders from an estimated 55 stables and nine countries will "Ride for Kevin" in a 1.45m Grand Prix from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The online auction ends at midnight.

"If it's the last thing I do, I'm going to carry this foundation and raise visibility, awareness and funds and do everything necessary," Papows adds. "I am going to see him walk again if it's the last breath I take. I have no doubt that he'll get there."

To learn more about the Kevin Babington Foundation, upcoming events and ways to donate, visit kevinbabingtonfoundation.org.

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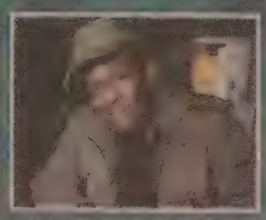

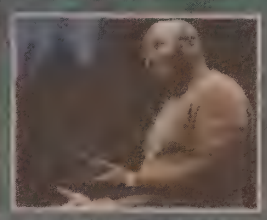

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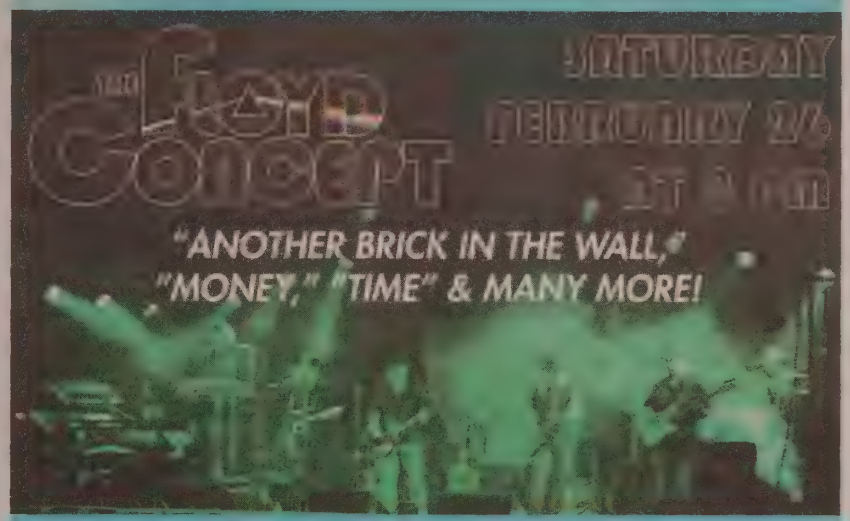

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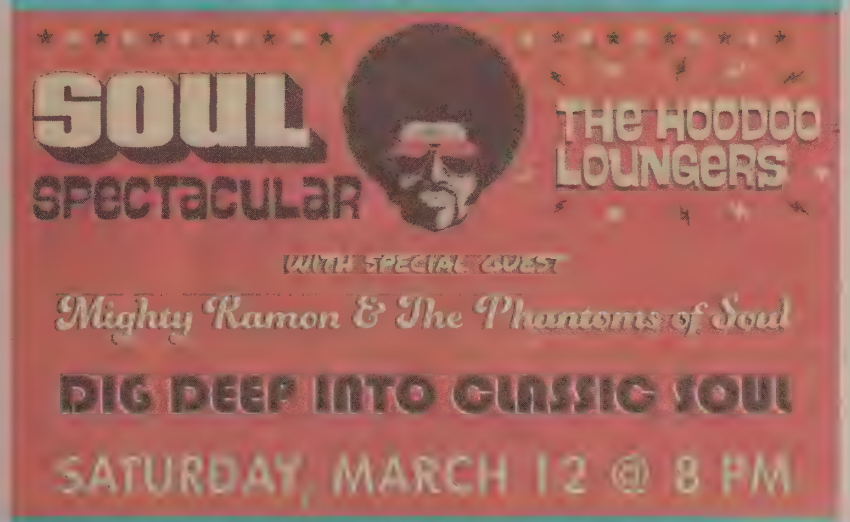

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Friends had told me about the town of **Wellington**, due west of Palm Beach, being similar to Bridgehampton. Wellington is home to many horse farms and polo fields, but I didn't know about the unique **Aero Club** community!

To my amazement, it's an aeronautical community of about 240 homes — including many with hangars for their private planes and even a lighted 4,000-foot runway. Eight runways fill the community and when you land you can "taxi" to your home. Only in America!

As I drove through the neighborhood, I noticed streets with names like **Take Off Place** and **Runway Road.** Behind blocks of homes, there are long, grassy runways. There are even "for sale" signs that alert you that a house has a hanger and a pool.

While the Aero Club is impressive, arguably the most well-known part of Wellington are the horse farms. I was happy to tour the horse farm owned by Dr. Michael and Catrine Golia, children of dear friends **Joe and Rosalie Golia**, of **Douglaston, Queens**.

Also in Wellington is the newly opened **Maxwell's Plum**. I dined there with friends **Todd and Liz Shapiro**, my extraordinary events team leader **Demetra Mattone** and new friend **Jim Leach**.

Jenny Oz LeRoy, a longtime Wellington resident, has recently opened the legendary Manhattan restaurant, once owned by her father.

Maxwell's Plum had been described in a 1988 *New York Times* article as a, "flamboyant restaurant" owned by **Warner LeRoy** featuring over-the-top Art Nouveau decor, as well as kaleidoscope stained glass ceilings and walls.

Jenny, also an award-winning horsewomen, opened the Maxwell's Plum on **South Shore Boulevard**.

Only a month after opening, it's already established as a go-to destination with an excellent American cuisine menu!

While dining, I met The Colony Hotel's "master of the house," **General Manager Bruce Siegel**, and his wife **Lisl**, who runs the hotel's HR department. Also there was star photographer from the Hamptons, **Rob Rich**.

I also met Jenny's powerful equestrian friends who invited me to the **International Polo Club's** weekly Sunday match in Wellington!

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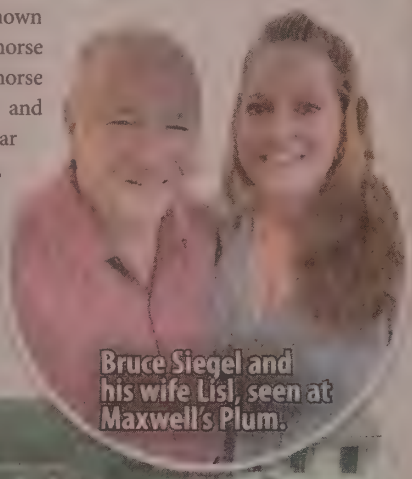
I toured the Aero Club community.

Celebrating Todd and Liz Shapiro's anniversary with Jim Leach, Rob Rich and Demetra Mattone.


Bruce Siegel and his wife Lisl, seen at Maxwell's Plum.

Catrine Golia and her daughter Bella with their friend Brooke Chasin, the head coach of LIU's equestrian team.

Jenny Oz Leroy (third from l.) surrounded by her friends Mayli and Calixto Garcia Velez, Louise and Red Armour and manager Ash Charles.

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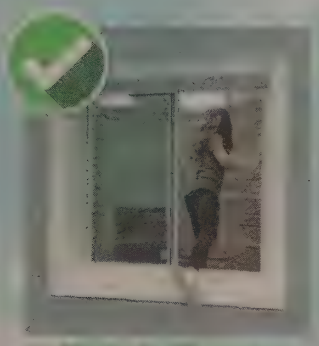

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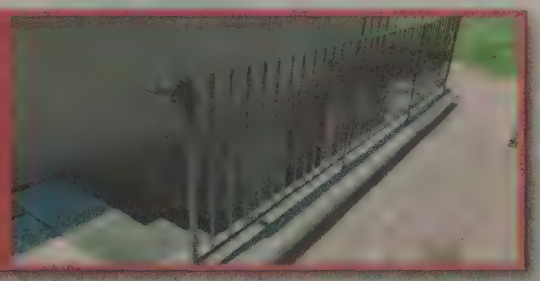

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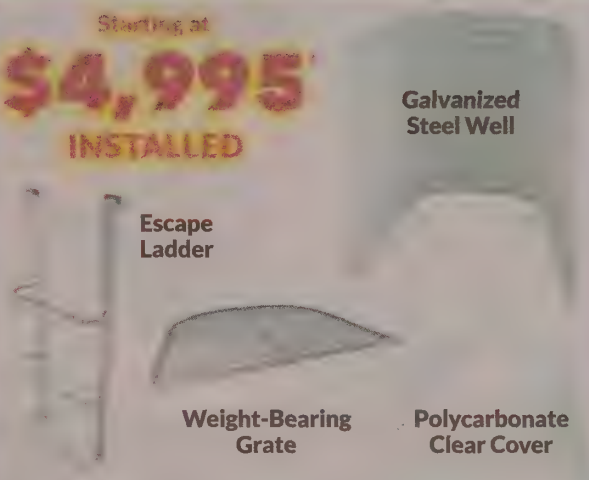

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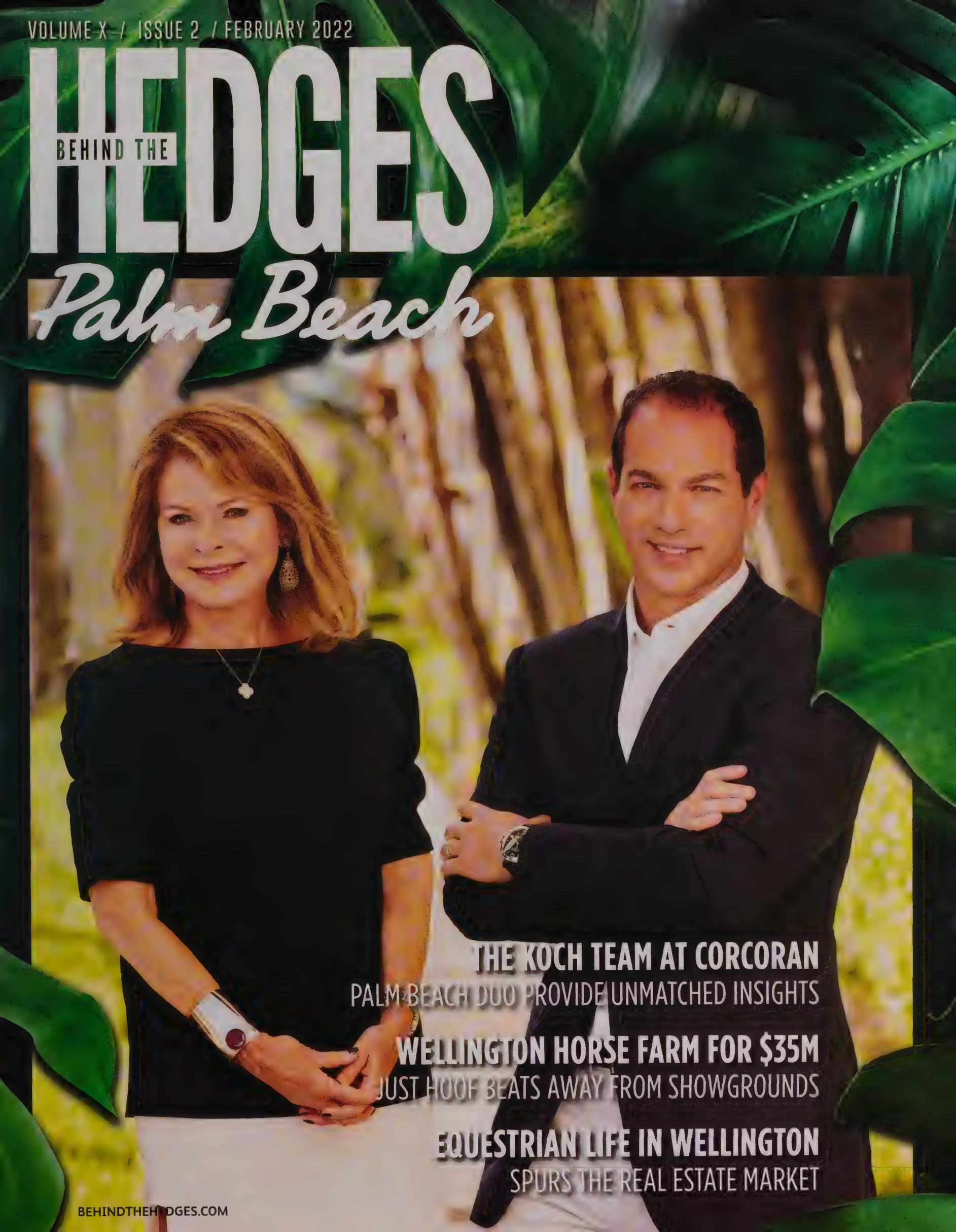

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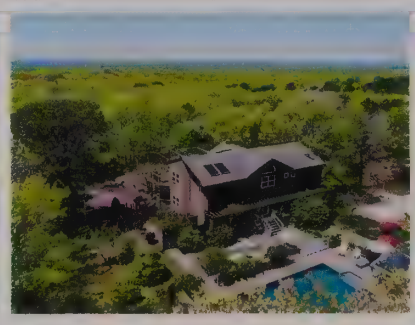

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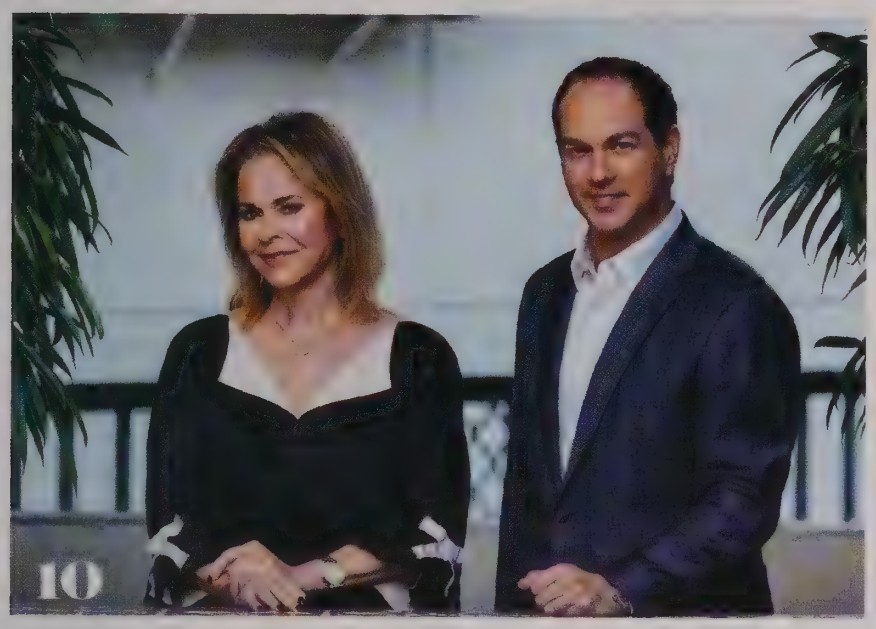

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On the cover: Paulette Koch and Dana Koch, leading luxury real estate brokers at Corcoran
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REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

No Horsing Around When It Comes to Wellington's Real Estate Market

A palatial estate overlooking horses at pasture. A well-appointed barn with rows of stalls with the sound of palm trees rustling in the wind. Grass jumping rings are perfect, no matter the season. Owning a property in Wellington is the stuff of equestrian dreams, of course. We asked Florida real estate insiders and experts to share their insights: What are homeowners looking for among the many amenities available in Wellington?

Jeremy Greene
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Wellington attracts top international riders who descend on this affluent community to train, ride and compete for the winter season. Having a network of farm owners from my days as a professional trainer and rider, I routinely help many top riders buy and sell their luxury properties in Wellington. My clients' first requirement is always location. High-net-worth clients demand locations less than a mile from the horse show, with significant acreage in a private gated community. Homes must be luxurious in design with the latest technology and high-end finishes. Barns on the property must be able to house high-value horses that perform like Olympic athletes, either in Grand Prix Dressage, Hunter or Jumper classes at the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). These horses require Olympic-style amenities such as whirlpools, treadmills, and special areas for regenerative procedures. It's not uncommon for riders to spend more money on their equine athletes — ensuring their best care — than on themselves. Those selling their farms have peace of mind in listing with me, as my network is full of clients always looking to buy additional property in Wellington in this very hot housing market.

COURTESY OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN

A LUXURY TACK ROOM, JUST ONE OF THE AMENITIES AT A HORSE FARM FOR SALE. FLIP TO PAGE 28 FOR MORE.

Chris Burnside
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As not only a broker but a buyer of Wellington real estate, I have experienced all perspectives. In my opinion, the Wellington area provides a similar landscape to the noted Hamptons market. The area offers elegant estates, stunning horse farms with house, pool and tennis, and miles of vast open spaces surrounded by a lush landscape teeming with wildlife and spectacular sunsets. The ability to have horses, staff and entertainment surrounding your home is the equestrian dream. There is nowhere else where you can ride your horse from your farm to a horse show with ideal amenities and the finest competition all year long. Rentals are extremely expensive during the prime season (January-April) but compared to the Palm Beach or Miami market, prices still seem to be a bargain. As word spreads about this unique place, that will likely change. Only 12 miles west of Palm Beach you find beautiful pastures, gated communities, and great shopping and without the high-rise buildings. You are also only a short drive to the restaurants, beaches and shopping of Palm Beach. Wellington is home to some of the most affluent international communities and continues to be the most sought-after real estate for the equestrian. Besides, where else in the world is there a street crosswalk button set high enough to hit while mounted on your horse?

COURTESY OF CHRIS BURNSIDE

CHRIS BURNSIDE'S DAUGHTER, AMELIA, AFTER SHE AND HER HORSE WERE PINNED CHAMPION IN WELLINGTON.

Nancy Batchelor
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Wellington is an absolute gem and horse-lover's dream. With miles of well-marked and maintained acreage, the town truly embraces the equestrian lifestyle. People come from all over the world to partake in the high-level competitions and events that Wellington has to offer. For homeowners, Wellington provides accessibility, landscape, agriculture and top-rated schools. The village is thoughtfully laid out and in close proximity to airports, highways and fine dining. The residential allure comes with luxurious horse estates and expansive land. The town feels like a whole different world compared to its South Florida surroundings. As an equestrian and Wellington homeowner myself, it is genuinely one of my favorite places to be.

Kay Lawson
DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE

Wellington is a wonderful destination for equestrians in three disciplines: with world-class showjumping, dressage, and polo, there really is something for anyone who is into horse sport. There is a great diversity in the types of houses available in Wellington from large horse farms to smaller condominiums and everything in between. There are many price points in the market, some of which are surprisingly affordable. Buyers might consider whether some members of the family play golf or tennis; Wellington has some terrific communities with full country club amenities. There is even a community that has a landing strip for aircraft and the homes have hangars. Do you want a horse farm versus a house or condo? And location is key. Do you want to be close enough to hack, rather than trailer, your horse to the competition? Or would you prefer more open space and trail access? All of these layers exist. It's fun to take a client to see properties in the different communities and be a part of their process in figuring out what works best for their horses and equestrian lifestyle.

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Mother-and-Son Team Provide Unmatched Insights into the Palm Beach Market

story by Bernadette Starzee

Paulette Koch and Dana Koch, a mother-son team, are among the nation's top real estate brokers.
Mary Stucchi Photography

When buyers contact the Koch Team at Corcoran about the Palm Beach market, the mother-son duo of Paulette and Dana Koch share their unparalleled knowledge of the local real estate market and what it's like to live on the idyllic island.

"We listen carefully and get to know our buyers and their goals," says Paulette Koch. "We take them around and educate them not only about real estate values but also the lifestyle and culture in Palm Beach, so when they are ready to make a commitment, they will feel comfortable doing it."

A top-performing, visionary broker who has been the go-to expert on Palm Beach real estate for four decades, Paulette Koch's 25-agent company was purchased by The Corcoran Group in 2003.

"I have always been very progressive in how I approach business, and I was looking to the future of real estate," Paulette Koch says. "When Corcoran approached me to sell my company, I knew it would be a great match, in large part because of the synergy between the Palm Beach, New York City and Hamptons markets."

When the Corcoran deal immediately produced a substantial uptick in business, Paulette approached her son, Dana, about teaming up with her.

At the time, Dana Koch was working in real estate in New York, and he quickly got on board with the idea.

"I was about to get married, and we decided to move down to Palm Beach, and I joined my mom in the business," Dana says. "The rest is history. We were able to build off of my mom's foundation and reputation, and we continue to get better and better. We complement each other very well." Dana, who transitioned to real estate after beginning his career in finance, holds an MBA from George Washington University.

"We perform financial analyses of the marketplace, so my background in finance is helpful," he says. "I have also always had an affinity for architecture. So I have been able to apply my background and love of architecture to real estate, and I'm passionate about what I do."

Paulette and Dana bring the perspective of two generations to appeal to a wide clientele while providing a full range of services that includes cutting-edge technology, robust social media marketing, and acting as a concierge for their clients.

Over the years, the Koch Team has consistently ranked among the nation's top 1 percent of high-performing real estate brokers. In 2020 and 2021, they posted more than $1 billion in sales in the Palm Beach market.

"We are backed by a major national brand, and we have our own brand within a brand that has an impeccable reputation not only for getting our clients results, but also for our integrity and the way we do business," Dana says. "We pride ourselves on being a broker's broker. People like doing deals with us because they know we will get it over the finish line. Successful brokers who retire often hire us to market their own properties, and that's the ultimate compliment. It's not only about making a sale; it's really important that it be the right match, and facilitated smoothly with intelligence, so all parties are satisfied."

The Koch team pride themselves on attaining their clients' real estate goals and

The Koch Team recently listed a three-bedroom penthouse at 130 Sunrise Avenue at the Sun & Surf, which offers expansive ocean and city views.
Living Proof Photography

apply their considerable market knowledge and expertise to guide them.

"We have been doing this for a very long time, and whether we have our buyer's hat or our seller's hat on, we are able to give our clients insightful advice," Paulette says.

At no point in time has that special expertise been more important than now, when demand for Palm Beach real estate is through the roof and inventory is historically low.

"We have been involved in many multiple bid situations over the last few months, and we have been able to come out on top for our buyers even when they are up against eight, nine or 10 bids," Dana says. "For our sellers, we are able to finesse the process to ensure they get the highest and best number. Our long-time experience in the business is key."

The island of Palm Beach only has 2,200 homes. Currently, there are 39 single-family homes and 60 condos on the market. Entry into the market is about $6 million, with homes selling for as high as $150 million or more. This week, the Koch Team has listed three penthouses in three separate buildings and a nearly new house in the sought-after Estate Section.

"A perfect storm" has created unprecedented demand for Palm Beach, Paulette says.

"People are looking for a certain lifestyle and the ability to be outdoors, whether to play golf, tennis or ride bicycles, for the majority of the year," Dana says. "We have culture, which includes museums, the Kravis Center for Performing Arts, and a burgeoning art scene with many galleries from around the world popping up, following their clientele."

The restaurant scene is bustling, with restaurateurs from New York City, the Hamptons and other locales opening second and third outposts, while hedge funds, private equity firms and other employers have been establishing headquarters in the region to take advantage of the lifestyle and the lack of state income tax.

Further, with the telecommuting trend accelerated by the pandemic, many people no longer need to work in the same city where their office is based, giving them freedom to move to a desirable community like Palm Beach.

"People are looking to move here not only from the Hamptons and New York City, but Connecticut, New Jersey, Chicago, Michigan and even California," Paulette says. "COVID has made people prioritize their quality of life over everything else."

Dana Koch represented the buyer in purchasing 680 S. Ocean Blvd., a renovated oceanfront home in the Estate section with a tunnel to the beach.
Carlos Diaz with Pelican Pix Photos

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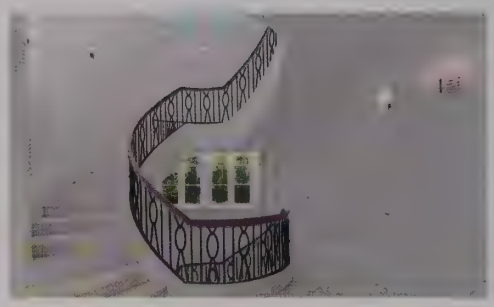

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MASTER CRAFTSMAN

Rob Meyer, Palm Beach Craftsman & Co.

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Learning is a lifelong search for knowledge and the unending application of new technologies. Telemark continues to raise the bar on green building, driven by a passion for science, implementing sustainable and resilient building practices for a better future.

Rob Meyer, who started Palm Beach Craftsman & Co. in 2017 after years of woodworking being a passion, oils a charcuterie board he made out of walnut.

Rob Meyer has been woodworking since he was a child, picking up the skill set his father honed over many years. But it wasn't until he moved to Florida that he decided to turn his passion into a business.

"My father always had a workshop in the basement," said the northern New Jersey native who honed his talents at the circular saw and by working with his hands. "I learned from him."

His father, Bob, an Army veteran who served during the Cuban Missile Crisis, built houses in his younger days, and though he received no formal training, he made it a habit to learn from watching others. "He was a self-taught engineer. He didn't have a degree, but worked for a company [in that capacity]," he says of his dad, calling him "a master cabinetmaker and woodworker," though it was always just a hobby.

"He did it for fun. You would think you were in high school shop class if you went into our basement," Meyer says.

Meyer figured out how to parlay the skill set and passion his dad passed down from a hobby into a lucrative career in one of the wealthiest areas of the country. "That passion turned into a reality with the business," he says.

Retiring from the PSEG utility company after 15 years, Meyer wanted a change, so he opted for Florida's warmer weather and moved south in 2010. He was always renovating his house and helping out his friends with similar projects and building small pieces of furniture. His garage became a workshop filled with tools. "Me and a buddy of mine, we always talked about it all the time," he recalls. "My wife was like, 'You've got to go out on your own and do it.'"

Meyer started Palm Beach Craftsman & Co. in 2017, first doing "little odd jobs and then — boom off to the races." With the help of his wife, Marissa O'Brien, who works in marketing, he quickly built the business, specializing in home renovations and office remodels, as well as custom wood furniture.

His company's team of artisan carpenters has handled everything from custom kitchen cabinetry to accent walls, to monogrammed charcuterie boards, to signage. He recently completed an urn, engraved using a computer numerical control machine, commonly known as CNC.

Based in West Palm Beach, Meyer works in Palm Beach, Wellington and Palm Beach Gardens. With the real estate market on fire and more people at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, he has been busy with work, such as adding custom barn doors, floating entertainment walls and shiplap to homes. "Even the new construction, the houses aren't even moved in yet and people want stuff done to them," he says.

When Meyer spoke to *Behind The Hedges*, he was working on 10-inch shiplap for a med-spa, custom display cases for a store, a pergola for another client, plus a bathroom renovation. "No job is too small and no job is too big," he says.

Recently, he made a side table with a waterfall edge out of walnut with bowtie inlays to cover an imperfection in the wood. He placed hairpin legs on the opposite end of the wood legs to create a modern furniture piece.

There have been some fun custom pieces as of late. He was commissioned to build a dog credenza — a glorified dog house that doubled in this case as a sideboard. At 102 inches long, 38 inches high, and 38 inches deep with rebar in the windows and doors, it will soon be a favorite sleeping spot for two beloved Rottweilers. "That's the fun stuff," Meyer says.

His creative side means he isn't just building for customers. A few days earlier, Meyer made outdoor wave loungers from 2-by-8 and 1-by-2 planed and sanded cedar wood pieces, biscuit-glued and screwed together, then covered with a satin outdoor polyurethane. They are available on his new Etsy page, PalmBeachCraftsman, but they could easily be on display in a high-end outdoor furniture shop in Palm Beach or the Hamptons.

Among the smaller items he particularly loves creating are handmade cutting and charcuterie boards. Meyer offers them in

walnut, cherry, maple and hickory, and he can engrave practically any design details before finishing each with mineral oil.

What he enjoys most is whittling wood and creating something unique. "Working with the wood itself, whether it be walnut, which is probably my favorite wood, or maple — just going from a rough piece of lumber to a finished project. Then the expression on the customer's face — that's the joy."

While he won't call himself an artist when it comes to drawing, Meyer does like the process of sketching an idea on paper and showing it to the client before executing the project. He finds his customers appreciate the "old-school" way instead of computerized images.

When Meyer, a self-described "Harley-Davidson guy," isn't in his shop, he has his hands full with his 1-year-old daughter. "That's my fun, that's my world right now."

But when he is in his shop, he still finds joy in his woodworking craft. He enjoys "firing up the CNC and making something. Even though it is work, it's a hobby."

The old adage, "If you find something you love to do, you'll never work a day in your life," rings true for Meyer.

"My father, he's old-school — he's in his mid-80s, I'm in my 40s — he would say, 'Do it right the first time'" Meyer says, adding that his father is a perfectionist. "If I was doing something and it wasn't right, he'd wait for me to screw it up and then say that you should have done it like this. That's how you learn. You learn from your mistakes."

"He's the guy I look up to — I probably haven't told him that enough," Meyer adds.

We have a hunch it's evident in the work.

Meyer puts the finishing touches on a wave lounger he made. The chairs are available for sale.

A passion became a business for Meyer, seen here standing in his West Palm Beach backyard amid some of his creations.

Meyer enjoys putting the details into the boards.

A custom accent wall in Wellington

Signage at Pompanos Boutique on Palm Beach Island

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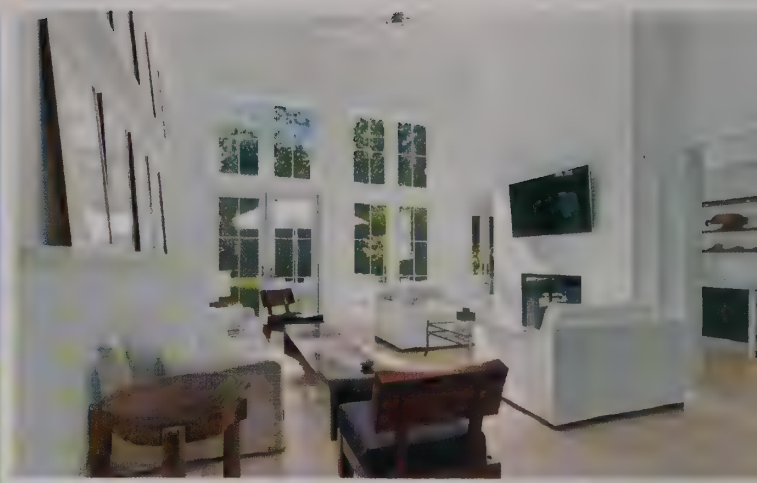

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Drama and luxury conspire with light and form to create an environment rarely found in a home at this price. Two acres and four bedrooms, this resolutely private pristine estate boasts large light-filled spaces for dramatic entertaining both inside and out.....or to simply provide a retreat from life's challenges and the demands of the metropolis. The soaring great-room captures light from both ends with multiple sitting and dining areas. The big-sky backyard is landscaped to feel like a series of dramatic outdoor rooms. The eat-in chef's kitchen feels more like a movie set, than merely a place to cook. The discrete primary suite singularly occupies the entire second floor, with attached private office/sitting room. A den on the main floor can also be configured as a spacious home office, or even serve as overflow for guests on busy holiday weekends. The lower level has a comfortable get-away media room and gym. Expansive decking, plenty of parking, and a drive-up "Wow!" facade make this one of the most exciting homes on the market today.

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Hoof-Beats Away From the Show

story by Taylor K. Vecsey

Equestrians and their mounts retreat from the cold weather in the Hamptons for the sunshine of Florida where, just 12 miles from Palm Beach proper, Wellington has become the Equestrian Capital of the World.

Once a huge strawberry patch, everything in Wellington is now centered around the sport, especially since it was incorporated as a village in 1995. The renowned Winter Equestrian Festival is the mecca, and the private farms around it are for the elite and most dedicated of equestrians.

A $35 million equestrian estate, one of the largest farms in the coveted Grand Prix Village, just came on the market two months ago. Offered for the first time since it was built in 2001, the massive, canal-front property is listed by Douglas Elliman Real Estate's Maria Mendelsohn, who specializes in high-end properties for horse enthusiasts.

The estate is so big that it has three addresses: 3585, 3549 and 3531 Olde Hampton Drive. The compound consists of three parcels totaling 14.15 acres — all well-secured with three gated entrances and security cameras throughout the property. The property is surrounded by mature landscaping, as well.

"What makes this property special is the opportunity to feel like you live on a spacious farm surrounded by lush landscaping, an environment of full tranquility and privacy, while also being just steps from the horse show," Mendelsohn says.

Grand Prix Village is a residential and equestrian community with a manned gate located on the south side of Pierson Road, just west of South Shore Boulevard, moments away from Wellington's top equestrian events. In fact, it's only two-tenths of a mile to the Palm Beach International Equestrian Facility, home of the Winter Equestrian Festival, held January through March. The 500-acre PBIEF offers competition in 18 arenas that cover a whopping 80 acres.

While the competition is fierce and serious at the nearby facility, this private farm within the Grand Prix Village is

The 14.15-acre spread is located in Grand Prix Village, an equestrian community in Wellington.
Photos courtesy of Douglas Elliman

The property features a Bermuda-mix grass jumping field and 20 matted stalls, among many other amenities for horse and rider.
Courtesy of Douglas Elliman

impressive in its own right. "No detail has been overlooked in this beautifully custom-created farm," the listing says.

There are two structures, a main barn with large staff housing, and a second barn with owner accommodations above.

The main barn offers "a comfortable, peaceful environment for your horses," the listing continues, as it features 20 matted stalls by Loddon, considered one of the most high-end designers for stables.

Amenities for the horses include a 60-foot covered walker, a 150-by-250-foot Bermuda-mix grass jumping field and a 120-foot-by-270-foot stand arena with what is noted as exceptional drainage.

A place like this requires lots of help. There is staff housing with 10 bedrooms, including a separate manager's apartment.

An equestrian's delight for sure.

The Wellington property at night and a daytime aerial view that shows the expansive paddocks.
Courtesy of Douglas Elliman

Horse Haven in Wellington and More

story by ***Taylor K. Vecsey***

3368 Olde Hampton Drive in Wellington sold for $11.65 million. ***Courtesy of the Corcoran Group***

The horses were probably able to get settled in their new digs at "Turnabout Farm" just in time for Wellington's Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) this year. The six-acre equestrian compound at 3368 Olde Hampton Drive in the enclave of Grand Prix Village, just steps from the show grounds, sold November 18, 2021, for $11.65 million. Jeremy Greene of the Corcoran Group represented the listing and Maria Mendelsohn from Douglas Elliman Real Estate repped the buyer.

The property boasts an 18-stall barn, fully renovated in 2015, with large windows, a main lounge and tack room, as well as an office, two additional tack rooms, wash stalls and plenty of storage space. Outside, there are four additional custom stalls under trellises, four good-sized paddocks and a new state-of-the-art Kraft six-horse walker with an irrigated center round pen. The 180-by-280-foot all-weather arena and field were upgraded in 2019. Drainage systems, premium footing, new fencing and irrigation systems can be found throughout.

The parcel also offers lake views, as well as mature ficus and oak trees. The original list price was $13,495,000.

Adjacent to the WEF showgrounds, a home surrounded by water affording it breathtaking views sold at the end of November for $2.85 million. The 0.22-acre property at 14195 Stroller Way enjoys water on two sides and the newly-renovated home's massive windows allow in plenty of light. The kitchen will delight any host or hostess with an eight-burner gas stove, two wine refrigerators, a bar area and even something for pets — a water/feed station. Jacqueline Abramson of Compass repped the seller.

A Mediterranean-style home at 246 Everglade Avenue sold for $7.4 million. ***Courtesy of Brown Harris Stevens***

This trade offered something for both horse and rider. The Saddle Trail property at 14289 Equestrian Way, which sold for $4.7 million in December, features a 5,700-square-foot home with a pool, plus 17 stalls, 11 paddocks and two grooms' apartments. Also, the 3.92-acre parcel is located on the south side of Greenbriar — "true hacking distance to the horse show," according to the listing by Wellington Equestrian Realty's Craig Martin and Christopher Desino.

14289 Equestrian Way in Wellington sold for $4.7 million. ***Affordable Aerial Photography, Inc. (Robert Stevens)***

Meanwhile, over in Palm Beach, a Mediterranean-style townhouse at 246 Everglade Avenue sold for $7.375 million on February 1. The new owners could move right into this approximately 3,500-square-foot duplex, which was listed for sale in November 2021 for $8.25 million with Pat McInerney of Brown Harris Stevens.

The waterfront home at 14195 Stroller Way ***Virtuals 1***

In close proximity to restaurants, shopping and beaches, this four-bedroom home with marble floors, an elevator and a pool was in demand. It went into contract within a month. There is even a two-car air-conditioned garage attached to the house on the 0.14-acre property.

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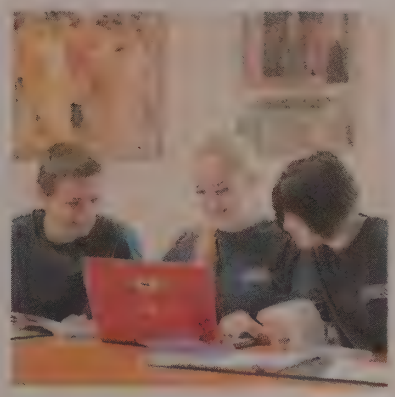
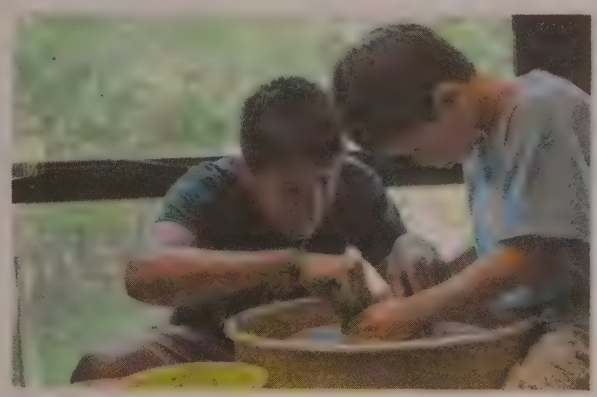

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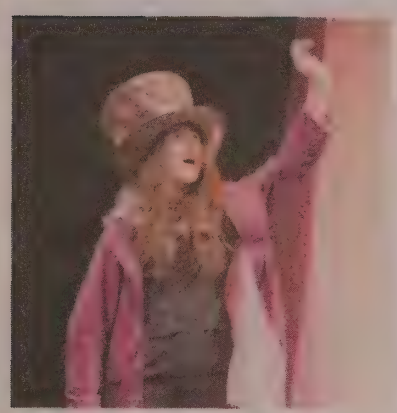

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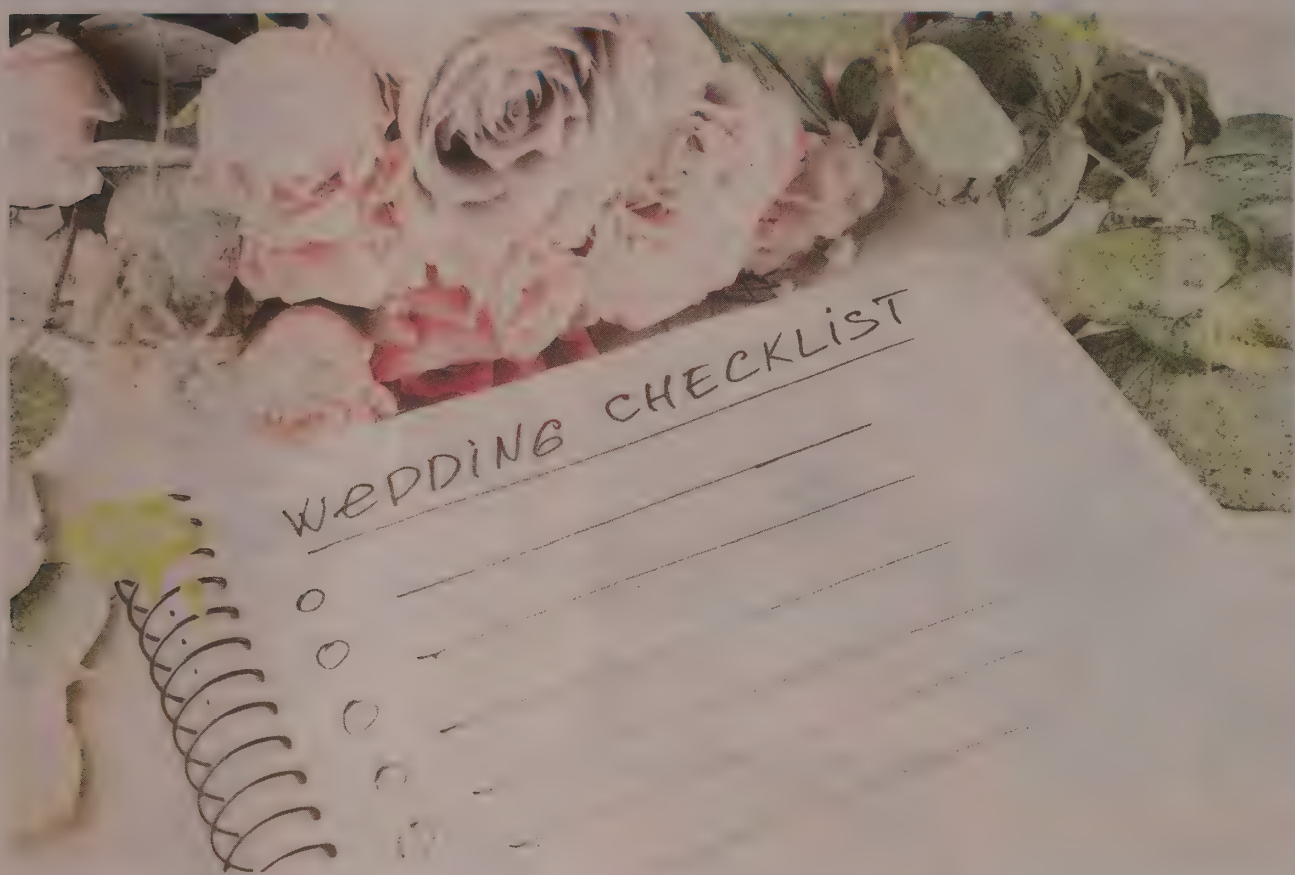

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LIVE SHOWS

SOUTHOLD WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.

Enjoy this inaugural kickoff to the winter festival in Southold presented by CAST and aptly dubbed "'Tis the Season to be Freezin'." An entire day's worth of activities is planned, including ice sculpting, s'mores, a mariachi band, a baked potato bar and stargazing. There is also cupcake decorating and a Family Show with Brady Rymer. The event will be organized into two main hubs and will give guests an opportunity to support local businesses.

53930 Main Road, Southold. 631-477-1717, castnorthfork.org

North Fork EVENTS

WANDERING TIME AT JAMESPORT FARM BREWERY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1–5 P.M.

Enjoy the cool beats of Wandering Time while you sample local craft brews, cocktails and snacks. All live music takes place in the Tasting Room.

5873 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 844-632-2337, jfbrewery.com

COMEDIAN BOBBY COLLINS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8 P.M.

Comedian Bobby Collins is known for his ability to find humor in everyday situations and world events. He has appeared on shows like Letterman and *The Tonight Show*. Tickets are $59 to $69 and doors open at 7 p.m.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

BOB BLATCHLEY & PERFECT STRANGERS AT CLOVIS POINT WINES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1–5 P.M.

Enjoy some relaxing live music at Clovis Point, where you can sip wine flights in an elegant atmosphere. The winery is known for great service and snacks with your bubbly.

935 Main Road, Laurel. 631-722-4222, clovispointwines.com

FUN ACTIVITIES

TRIVIA NIGHT AT SANNINO VINEYARD

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 6–8 P.M.

If you know a lot about nothing at all, round up five of your friends and head on over to Sannino Vineyard. This week's theme is "Netflix & Chill and Your Favorite Streaming Services." Bottle specials are available.

15971 County Road 48, Cutchogue. 631-743-8282, sanninovineyard.com

WAFFLES & WINE AT PINDAR VINEYARDS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 12–3 P.M.

Make your reservation ahead of time for this special Saturday treat at Pindar Vineyards. You'll enjoy three specialty waffles from the North Fork Chocolate Company paired with three elegant Pindar wines. The cost is $25 for wine club members and $30 for non-members. Advanced registration is required.

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, pindar.net

IN CELEBRATION OF SOUTHOLD WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1–4 P.M.

Join the Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library for this unique celebration of the Southold Town Winter Festival. You'll enjoy winter crafts and hot chocolate with marshmallows, peppermint sticks and sprinkles.

27550 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

POP-UP SHOP WITH SUNDAY RECORDS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1–4 P.M.

Do you love hearing a favorite tune on vinyl and quaffing a great glass of bubbly? Bop on over to the Corey Creek Tap Room at Bedell Cellars, where you can shop vintage vinyl at a pop-up shop. There are also half-priced bottles and wine specials while you listen.

36225 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-7537, bedellcellars.com

THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT WALK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 9–11:30 A.M.

Join the Cornell Lab of Ornithology along with the National Audubon Society as they count birds to tally wintering populations in the area. The citizen science project will be recorded in three databases. Dress appropriately for a 3-mile hike.

6062 Sound Avenue, Northville. 631-315-5475, parks.ny.gov/parks/181

TASTE OF THE EAST END BOUTIQUE

SUNDAY-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20–26, 11 A.M.–6 P.M.

Enjoy this exciting pop-up featuring unique gifts and artwork from East End craftspeople, producers and artists. Businesses include Disset Chocolate, Rexer Family Farm and Colorful Visions Art Glass Studio.

489 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-838-5618, facebook.com/tastetheeastendboutique

ALL AGES SKATE SESSION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1–4 P.M.

Strap on your skates and wheel on over to the Greenport American Legion, where your $10 ticket gets you three hours around the rink as well as a skate rental. Non-skating chaperones are $5. You can purchase tickets ahead of time online or in cash only at the door.

121 Third Street, Greenport. greenportamericanlegion.org

OUT & ABOUT ON THE NORTH FORK

COURTESY SUFFOLK THEATER

BOBBY COLLINS

SHELTER ISLAND ELECTRIC BIKE TOUR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 9 A.M.–1 P.M.

Don't miss this popular and invigorating electric bike experience, beginning at the Greenport Fourth Street MTA parking lot. You'll get fitted for your bike and walk over to the nearby ferry for a short voyage across Greenport Harbor to Shelter Island. Once you're there, you'll whiz past gingerbread houses and waterfront mansions, all the way to the Ram Island Peninsula and Sylvester Manor Farm. After you're done, you'll hop back on the ferry and end your day back in Greenport.

426 4th Street, Greenport. 631-657-2200, eventbrite.com/e/shelter-island-electric-bike-tour-tickets-161226676329

WII GOLF SWING PRACTICE: DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 9:30–11:30 A.M.

Looking for a way to practice your form in the colder months? Drop in to the Grand Room at the Riverhead Library, where you can play solo or challenge other players.

330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228, riverheadlibrary.org

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BROADWAY MUSICAL LEARNING CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 7–8 P.M.

Saunter on over to the Floyd Memorial Library to discuss your favorite Broadway shows, including the birth of the American musical, musical structure and trendsetting shows. This is an introductory meeting and future dates will be set after the first class.

539 First Street, Greenport. 631-477-0660, floydmemoriallibrary.org

WEDDING SHOWCASE AT THE LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:30–8:30 P.M.

If you or someone you know is looking forward to a big day, don't miss this opportunity to meet with top event professionals at the Long Island Aquarium. You can view all of the latest trends in flowers, photography and entertainment, as well as explore venues like the Sea Star Ballroom, the Long Island Aquarium and the Hyatt Place Long Island/East End. The cost is $20 with advanced registration and $25 at the door.

431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, longislandaquarium.com

GEEK TALK: ROCKS AND HOPS – THE GEOLOGY OF BEER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7–10 P.M.

Join übergeek Brewing Company together with Fish Guy Photos for this free event accompanied by delicious food and beer. Eating and drinking start at 7 p.m. and the lecture begins at 8 p.m.

400 Hallett Avenue, Riverhead. 631-381-0848, ubergeekbrewing.com

VIRTUAL EVENTS

VIRTUAL BREATHE TOGETHER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 10–11 A.M.

Deep breathing is an excellent way to reduce stress and relieve muscle tension. Register ahead of time with the Southold Free Library and Zoom info will be emailed to you.

53709 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-2077, southoldlibrary.org

KOREAN BBQ ON ZOOM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:30–7:30 P.M.

Enjoy this exciting virtual opportunity to learn to cook Korean barbecue via Zoom with the Mattituck-Laurel Library. Register in advance on the library's website.

13900 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4134, mattitucklaurellibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

FARMS ACROSS AMERICA

ON VIEW THROUGH FEBRUARY 27

Don't miss one of the last weekends to visit the Alex Ferrone Gallery for this exhibition of photography, paintings, mixed media and sculptures showcasing farms throughout the United States. The museum is open Friday through Sunday from noon–5 p.m. or by appointment.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545, alexferronegallery.com

DAN'S REIMAGINED AT EAST END ARTS

ON VIEW THROUGH MARCH 4

The covers of *Dan's Papers* have long been an iconic representation of the East End. Join East End Arts members as they reimagine the artwork of past covers, exploring a wide variety of mediums.

133 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-0900, eastendarts.org

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LIVE SHOWS

JEFF LEBLANC AT WÖLFFER ESTATE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 5–8 P.M.

Enjoy the upbeat, soothing sounds of singer-songwriter Jeff LeBlanc at Wölffer Estate, where Candlelight Fridays feature wine by the glass and bottle, charcuterie and a cozy atmosphere. Wölffer Estate is known for its friendly staff and beautiful views.

133 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106, wolffer.com

FUN ACTIVITIES

FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1–3 P.M.

Eager artists will explore the techniques of line, mass, gesture and proportion using a live model. You'll need a dry medium such as soft vine, charcoal or Conte and a large sketch pad. Individuals will be provided with personalized instruction and details. The class is $20 for members and $25 for non-members.

25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967, southamptonartscenter.org

ARF FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 12–3 P.M.

Animal lovers won't want to miss out on this opportunity to donate or pick up unopened bags of both wet and dry pet food at Petco. There is a great need for cat food!

2044 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0440, arfhamptons.org

BROOKS-PARK: THE INTERSECTION OF ART AND NATURE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 10 A.M.

Join the East Hampton Trails Society while you explore the property of late abstract expressionists James Brooks and Charlotte Park. Hike the trails and discuss the vision for the restored property, which includes a cottage and two art studios.

East Side Court off Neck Path, Springs. 516-456-1337, irwinlevy@gmail.com, southamptonhistory.org

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VIRTUAL EVENTS

COPING WITH STRESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2–3 P.M.

Join this special event for tips and exercises on dealing with all of the stresses our recent times have brought. Register ahead of time and a Zoom link will be sent to you 15 minutes before the class starts.

159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

ZUMBA GOLD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 9–10 A.M.

Zumba is a fitness program inspired by Latin dancing that can boost your heart health and help you de-stress. Seniors can join this special class offered by the Westhampton Free Library from the comfort of your homes via Zoom. The cost is $18.

7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3335, westhamptonlibrary.net

DAN'S PAPERS PHOTO CONTEST

THROUGH FEBRUARY 25

If you're a Hamptonite with an eye for what makes the island beautiful, send your high-res photos to alagreca@danspapers.com This month's theme is "Season of Love," and you can snap pics of whoever or whatever you love the most, no matter the weather. The winner will be announced in the next issue and will get a chance to be a *Dan's Papers* cover artist, as well as a gift certificate to a delicious Hamptons restaurant. Runners-up will appear in subsequent issues.

153 County Road 39, Southampton. 631-537-0500, danspapers.com

ART EXHIBITIONS

TOUR OF THE WATERMILL CENTER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2:30–4 P.M.

Book your spot ahead of time to view the expansive art collection at the Watermill Center, along with an extensive study library and beautiful grounds and gardens. Be sure to wear proper footwear as the tour takes place both inside and out.

39 Water Mill Towd Road, Water Mill. 631-726-4628, watermillcenter.org

VIRGINIA JARAMILLO: THE HARMONY BETWEEN LINE AND SPACE

ON VIEW THROUGH FEBRUARY 27

Don't miss one of the last weekends to view this fascinating collection of the work of minimalist Virginia Jaramillo, an American artist whose work has spanned six decades. This exhibition debuts work created in her Hampton Bays studio over the past two years. It explores expansive fields of color that are crisscrossed by uniform, razor-thin lines.

279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org

Hamptons EVENTS

DREAM HORIZONS: AN AAEH MEMBERS VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION

ON VIEW THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

This virtual exhibition from the Artists Alliance of East Hampton celebrates an array of media that includes tempera, watercolor and acrylic. The website allows viewers and collectors to contact artists directly via email.

631-324-2225, artistsalliance-easthampton-virtual.org

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OUT & ABOUT WITH THE KIDS

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TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK

RELAXATION THROUGH ART FOR TEENS WITH PROJECT HOPE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 3:45–5 P.M.

Slow down, relax and get creative at the Amagansett Library. The project takes place in the community room and advanced registration is required.

215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810, fevans@olaofeasternlongisland.org, amagansettlibrary.org

CINNAMON BUNS & STEAM: SPIRAL CREATIONS SUPER COMBO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 11:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

Your little bakers age 6–12 will enjoy this delicious educational opportunity to make a batch of warm, sticky cinnamon buns. They will work on spiral patterns in a STEAM session while they wait for the buns to bake. Finish the class by decorating with Valentine's-themed sprinkles.

92 Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton. 631-655-4586, projectmost.org/workshops-events

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

CREATING EXPLORER JOURNALS: BECOMING A NATURALIST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 10 A.M.

Explorers ages 10 and older can join the South Fork Natural History Museum as they hike through Sag Swamp and record their observations. Little hikers will learn why it's important to keep records about the environment.

377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org

WINTER FUNCATION AT LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20–25, 9 A.M.–5 P.M.

Whether you're a working parent or just need a break, the Long Island Aquarium has got you covered during the winter recess. For $50 per day or $200 for the week, kiddos ages 5–11 can tour the aquarium, view butterflies and bees, or check out a sea lion show in an educational environment. An arcade, movie room and craft are also part of the fun.

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FOOD & DRINK

Sylvester Manor CSA, Claude's Breakfast & More

COURTESY CLAUDE'S AT SOUTHAMPTON INN

CLAUDE'S BREAKFAST

BY HARRY POWERS

James Carpenter is the chef at Sag Harbor's **MTK Lobster House** on Main Street next to Sen. Since it's not diet season yet, try his truffle lobster mac and cheese. Then hit the gym! But before all that, check out this week's East End foodie bites.

The venerable **North Fork Table & Inn** in Southold now offers a three-course prix fixe menu for $90 and the options to add wine pairings for $78 or $120, with the latter allowing the staff to pick some of their favorites from the wine cellar. Menu selections include several courses with white truffles, a Peconic fluke crudo and a broken chocolate cake. There's also a snack and supplemental menu allowing customers to share dishes like baked little neck clams and tuna crudo. What's more, you'll find an appealing a la carte bar menu offering tavern-style bar snacks including duck tot caviar and Little Ram oysters.

Honest Man Hospitality has announced a new beverage director to the team, Chimene MacNaughton. For last year MacNaughton was the sommelier at **Nick & Toni's**, and was recently promoted to the beverage director position, curating the beverage programs at all properties – Nick & Toni's, Coche Comedor, Rowdy Hall, TownLine BBQ and La Fondita. MacNaughton has lived year-round on the East End since a chance summer visit in 2005 extended itself to meet the November start of American Sommelier's Advanced Viticulture and Vinification course, which she passed at the top of her class in April 2006. Stints at Della Femina, Fresno, The 1770 House, and as a private chef for households in both Sun Valley and East Hampton, were the backdrop for her seven-year foray into sommelier-led retail. In January of 2014, MacNaughton opened Wainscott Main Wine & Spirits on Montauk Highway — the East End's first sommelier-managed fine wine and spirits shop, and the home of her beloved all-levels wine workshops.

Attention all CSA lovers — especially those on "The Rock." Registration for Sylvester Manor's community sponsored agriculture summer program is now open. For 21 weeks, **Sylvester Manor Educational Farm** on Shelter Island will offer fresh produce, eggs, bread, and pork. Members in the CSA commit to purchasing a portion of the harvest at the beginning of the year to support the farm's expenses in exchange for weekly shares from mid-June to late October. The shares are composed of what's in season that week and is picked within one or two days of distribution. The produce CSA is $598 for a selection of vegetables, flowers, and herbs. The weekly cost breaks down to around $28, with a potential value of the produce received estimated to be as much as $60 (last year's average value was $50). There are also bread shares for $150, egg shares for $168, and pork shares for $890, which can be added to the produce share or purchased alone. There is also a winter pork share from February through April for $481.

What's happening in Montauk? **Sel Rrose** is open every night but Tuesday offering a full bar menu that features a variety of Northeastern oysters, as well as little next clams, shrimp cocktail and Alaskan king crab legs. There's also a $2 oyster happy hour from 4–7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Check out their Sunday brunch from noon to 4 p.m. which ranges in price from $14–$26. Their dinner menu features crispy skin salmon, a catch-of-the-day, linguine with white clam sauce and plenty of other items. Prices at dinner range from $24–$48.

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Something to Wine About:

2019 Rose Hill Wild Boar Doe

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

Long Island wine lovers are no doubt familiar with the iconic wine, Wild Boar Doe, from Rose Hill Vineyards, the winery formerly known as Shinn Estate Vineyards. Shinn Estate was groundbreaking in that they strived towards incorporating not only organic, but biodynamic winemaking principles. However, it's one thing to use more land-friendly and labor-intensive principles in crafting wine — how the resulting wine tastes is quite another. And Shinn Estate Vineyards created wines that shined.

In 2011, Shinn Estate Vineyards hired winemaker Patrick Caserta, a Connecticut native with more than 10 years of experience working in New Zealand, France, and California — including Vieux Chateau Certan/Le Pin in Bordeaux; Rudd, Verite, Cade and Plumpjack in California; and Te Mata in New Zealand.

Caserta says he saw a bottle of Wild Boar Doe vintage 2005, but it's possible there was an earlier version. As most wine lovers will probably pick up from the tongue-in-cheek name, The Wild Boar Doe is Long Island's take on Bordeaux wine.

This wine is exceptional. If you liked Wild Boar Doe before, you will love the 2019 vintage. This vintage is created from 76% merlot, 13% cabernet sauvignon, 6% petit verdo and 5% malbec.

Caserta says, "The percentage of each varietal changes each year, but it is always merlot dominant."

Interestingly, Long Island's signature grape, cabernet Franc, isn't included in the 2019 vintage of Wild Boar Doe. But not for the reason one might think. Caserta explains that the 2019 cabernet Franc was such an exceptional crop it was bottled into Rose Hill's cabernet Franc wines. Despite the change, when the blending for Wild Boar Doe took place, Caserta says the absence of the cabernet Franc wasn't felt.

He's right, the absence isn't felt. There is so much great stuff going on this wine, each sip is a new adventure. On the nose are notes of fresh and grilled cherry, anise, licorice, and a little earth.

2019 ROSE HILL WILD BOAR DOE

On the palate there are all of the above notes and a little toast. The wine retails for $45. Treat the Bordeaux lover in your life to Long Island's Wild Boar Doe for a change of pace that can easily become a habit.

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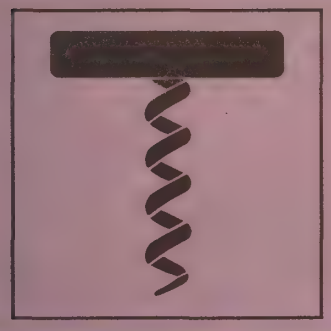

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Taste The Greats Foodie Event Coming April 21 to The Piermont

Taste The Greats, a celebration of Long Island's top chefs, is coming to the South Shore. The event, to be held at The Piermont in Babylon on April 21, will bring top dishes from the best South Shore restaurants on Long Island.

Taste The Greats offers guests a chance to try the dish for which each restaurant is known while enjoying wine, cocktails and craft beer. It will be an unforgettable evening of great food, great drink, and music among fellow foodies at a premier waterfront venue.

Participating chefs include Chef Stephan Bogardus of The Halyard, Chef Marc Anthony Bynum of Hush Ramen, Chef Craig Attwood of 5 Ocean Bar & Grill, Executive Chef Joseph Vigliotti of The Piermont, Kelly Briguccia and Jimmy Lyons of North Fork Doughnut Co., Linda Johnson of Chocology Unlimited, plus top dishes from Bar Marseille, Fogo De Chao, Mission Taco, Rhum, Pearl, Bird & Bao, and Verde Kitchen & Cocktails. More chefs and restaurants to be announced!

Tickets are on sale now and will sell out fast. Admission is $125 which includes unlimited tastings and drinks from 7–9 p.m. VIP tickets are $185 and include a VIP room with exclusive wine and tastes, and a DJ-fueled afterparty from 9–10 p.m. The Piermont is situated on the edge of the Great South Bay at 494 Fire Island Avenue, with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the water in Babylon. For more information and tickets, visit TastetheGreats.com

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Prosecco Zero: A New Sugar-Free Take on Prosecco

BY DAVID TAYLOR

The world of wine is built on age-old traditions — best practices and standards passed down through generations of winemakers in France, Italy and the U.S. But Ervin Machado, founder of Prosecco Zero, knew it was time to shake things up.

As a seasoned sommelier and judge in the American Fine Wine Competition, Machado estimates he's tasted "thousands and thousands of wines," pinpointing the flaws and imperfections of each well-intentioned blend. Over the years, he realized that the faultiest wine across the board was Prosecco, the bubbly Italian relative of France's Champagne. The main detractor: "absurd amounts of sugar." Sugary sweet wines limit pairing options greatly, and they're not exactly ideal for your health.

When visiting Italy for the September harvest, Machado was invited to make a Prosecco, which allowed him the opportunity to pick local winemakers' brains and learn why Prosecco can have 25–30 grams of sugar per liter. "This is just how (they) have been doing it," he shares. "It was something about the tradition in Italy that didn't allow them to see what I was talking about." A seed was planted in Machado's mind that maybe he'd be the person to introduce the world to zero-sugar Prosecco. "Me being as curious as I am, I really wanted to experiment with a product that renovates this wine and really gives it a sense of place," he says. But when he returned home from Italy, he fell back into his comfortable routine at his steady sommelier position, leaving his dream to sit in the back of his mind for a few years.

Then came the pandemic and the news that he had been laid off like so many other workers. Machado chose to use this unforeseen bad news as a chance to finally branch out. "It made me reinvent myself and it pushed me to come back to this idea of the Prosecco that was bothering me for so many years," he says. In pursuit of that goal, he began taking classes in biochemistry in order to study wine on a molecular level. He also began collaborating with Peninsola Wines in northern Italy to test out sugarless Prosecco blends, and it didn't take long before he struck gold. "When I read the first laboratory sheet — and I hadn't tasted the wine, but just the numbers — the numbers were absolutely perfect. The pH was perfect, the sugar levels were perfect, the acidity was perfect — every single thing that I measured, for me, was really (proof) that this could be the making of the best Prosecco," Machado says. Then he tasted it and found that even without fermentable sugar, the wine wasn't bitter.

He took his discovery and, alongside Mike Valdés-Fauli, launched Prosecco Zero in 2021. Producing the zero-sugar wine in a "very virgin market" was surprisingly easy due to many Italian vendors' traditional wine standards deeming Prosecco Zero a non-threat, granting Machado access to assembly lines and wholesale grapes unavailable to the competition. The label may have started as an underdog but it's now one of the fastest-growing luxury brands in its distributor's portfolio and has firmly planted itself in the alcohol market's growing health trend.

Prosecco Zero's two blends comprise a classic sparkling white wine and Prosecco Zero Rosé, touted as the first zero-sugar rose Prosecco. The white features the flavors of green apples and yellow pears with fresh aromas of Mediterranean herbs and lemon zest; it has a well-balanced medium finish and pairs well with fish and soft cheeses. The rosé has an aroma of raspberries, red apple skins and strawberries, before the equally exciting flavors finish full in the palate. It's a full, serious sparkling rosé that's completely dry and pairs well with salmon and sushi. Machado adds that while vegetable dishes are a sommelier's "worst nightmare," both Prosecco Zero blends go great with veggies.

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Ask Coach Catherine

The Heart of the Matter

Healing Heart, Body and Soul: A Holistic Approach to Heart Disease

Catherine Canadeo, Health and Wellness Coach

By Catherine Canadeo

February is Heart Health Month so it's a fabulous time to think about keeping our hearts beating happily, but what does it take to make a healthy – and happy – heart?

To have a heart means many things. It means to love, have passion, be generous and forgiving, show kindness and sympathy, be compassionate and have courage. It represents our state of health.

FOLLOW YOUR HEART.....

Leonardo da Vinci said: "Tears come from the heart and not the brain". There is more to the heart than blood and tissue, it a highly-sophisticated organ that may even possess the ability to "think" for itself. It's the reason stress levels and emotions strongly affect your physical and heart health.

The Heart- Brain Link

You've heard of the "gut-brain" connection; cutting-edge science now suggests a very strong "heart-brain" link, with the heart being in constant two-way dialogue with the brain. In fact, the heart may send more signals to the brain than the other way around. Your feelings start from your heart.

So how can we keep a happy heart?

Here are my 5 tips for a "Wholehearted" Approach to Heart Health

Diet and The Gut-Brain -Heart Connection: Eat the right foods (you know what they are!) but be sure to be aware of HOW you eat: ideally in a leisurely fashion with family and friends, enjoying a glass of wine, laughing and enjoying yourself. Your diet is only a part of staying healthy.

Get Moving: The heart is a muscle and research shows a positive link between regular exercise and improved cardiovascular health. Exercise makes us feel good and improves our overall health and well-being.

Know Your Important Numbers: You cannot change what you do not measure. Some key numbers include your BMI Index, Blood Pressure, 7 hours sleep per night, and a full blood workup that includes a Complete Blood Count, Cholesterol, Thyroid Panel, C-reactive protein (CRP), homocysteine, DHEA's adrenal glands, estrogen and progesterone for women and PSA (prostate specific antigen) for men.

Lifestyle: Do what makes you happy. Be kind to yourself, your body and your heart by keeping stress levels to a minimum and practicing mindful, conscious living, considering if your emotions could be affecting your heart health. Try deep breathing exercises, meditation, journaling; selfcare equals selflove so stay heart centered and focus on positive energy in your daily life. Surround yourself with supportive friends and family and be mindful of negative thoughts and behaviors.

Love: February also includes Valentine's Day! Love has a positive impact on health and impacts our mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing in unexpected ways; it may even help us live longer as it reduces stress on a chemical level as oxytocin increases which can lower adrenaline and cortisol levels. Being in love or just spreading love is the best path to a healthy heart.

Remember, It's Not What You're Eating, It's What's Eating You. Health comes from peace of mind, peace in your heart, and peace in your soul.

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EAST END LIVING

Hamptons Soul:

Embrace the Quiet

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RABBI JOSH FRANKLIN

During summers in the Hamptons, residents complain constantly about the traffic, the lines at the supermarkets, and how difficult it is to get a reservation at a restaurant. In the winter, the common complaint we hear is the opposite: "It's too quiet!" For many people, the lingering sense of quiet feels disconcerting. When you live out here full time, though, you learn to embrace the blessings of the quiet.

When I resided in New York City, I never really had any sense of silence in my street-side five-story walkup on the Upper East Side. There was always a car horn, an ambulance siren, trash truck, loud neighbor, or some ambient noise that permeated every second of my life. New York City is an experience of constant stimulation. With all the sights and sounds, you are bombarded by stimuli. It's hard to experience the blessings of quiet when the world around us is too noisy.

Silence isn't just a lack of sound, rather it's the sound of a pregnant nothing. In Jewish mysticism, there is a concept called "ayin," which is an emptiness that is full of possibilities, a silence that isn't empty or barren, but fills us with endless blessing.

The idea of ayin might best be illustrated by the story of a piece of music called "4'33," composed by John Cage. At its premiere, John Cage sat down at the piano, raised his hands over the keyboard, and sat immobile for 4 minutes and 33 seconds, then lowered his hands. Cage explained that music is composed of two elements, notes and rests. Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven have written music made up entirely of notes, so I composed one piece entirely of rests. There is an art to silence, and in silence, we have the potential to see the world and ourselves differently.

As we continue on into the winter season, don't fight the quiet, lean into it. Embrace the sound of silence. Susan Cain, author of the book *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't stop Talking*, notes that data from recent studies show people learn better after a quiet stroll through the woods than after a noisy walk down a city street. In embracing the quiet, find an empty beach to walk along, or perhaps go explore one of the many Hamptons hiking trails (there are no ticks in the winter). Even for extroverts like me, people need quiet, and there's perhaps no better place or time to find it than a Hamptons winter.

FATHER CONSTANTINE LAZARAKIS

I've often thought of the time we find ourselves in now as the hard part of the winter. Summer crowds are all but forgotten, the Christmas festivities all done, New Year resolutions have, by now, either gone the way of good intentions, or become part of our routine. Even the weekenders are down South or out West. The East End is cold and quiet. Most of us either can't wait to get away or can't wait for spring. But it occurs to me that, if we are willing accept it, there is something very valuable in this hard part of the winter.

The great (if also controversial) Catholic luminary, Thomas Merton said, "In a world of noise, confusion and conflict it is necessary that there be places of silence... In such places, love can blossom." Unfortunately, our current cultural norms have made silence and stillness almost unattainable. Our phones and watches ping all day, we feel an absurd compulsion to respond to every notification immediately, and when we are not distracted, we are ironically unsettled. Our addiction to distraction has made silence unsettling, and we are terrified of being unproductive in moments when we are not engaged in some activity. And everyone has to have (and articulate) an opinion about everything.

A prominent Orthodox Christian theologian, Kalistos Ware, writes, "Silence is not merely negative — ... a temporary cessation of speech — but... it is highly positive: an attitude of attentive alertness, of vigilance, and above all, of listening." In silence, we can come to understand our truest selves. In our truest selves, we can come to know God. In knowing God, we can learn to REALLY love. Why not let the cold and quiet winter of the East End be a time when we learn to listen and to love? Embrace the silence.

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Two Local NonProfits Win Land Rovers in National Competition

BY OLIVER PETERSON

On Friday, February 18, a pair of local nonprofits will accept brand new Land Rover Defender SUVs from the automaker's Southampton dealership. Against all odds, these two East End organizations — Bridgehampton-based Hamptons Community Outreach, and New York Marine Rescue Center in Riverhead — earned two of the seven vehicles up for grabs in Land Rover's nationwide Defender Above & Beyond Service Awards competition.

The charities, which are just over 25 miles apart, beat other worthy nonprofits spread across the United States in their individual categories, Coastal & Marine Conservation (NYMRC) and Urban Improvement (HCO). And while the need for NYMRC's work protecting endangered marine mammals and sea turtles is not dictated by the region's wealth, or lack of it, some might ask how Hamptons Community Outreach prevailed over groups from the country's most blighted and poor regions. The answer is simple: Not everyone in this so-called playground of the rich and famous is living that glam life.

In fact, it's this disparity that can make things especially hard for families struggling to pay bills, or even eat, in towns where the cost of living is far more suited to the one percent. The need is real, explains Hamptons Community Outreach founder and Executive Director Marit Molin, who started her organization as Hamptons Art Camp, a summer program for under-resourced kids that later evolved as needs changed in the community.

"I realized that there were a lot of children who spent summer in front of the TV or in the back of their parent's truck waiting for them to be done with work," Molin says, explaining how Hamptons Art Camp took shape in 2018 as a wonderful, enriching experience for kids 6–12 years old. "Forty percent of the children are underserved and non-paying," she continues, pointing out that HAC has a diverse population of campers, which is good for kids on both sides of the vast financial chasm that often keeps them apart.

"We see friendships being forged between different communities and different types of kids," Molin says. "We absolutely adore seeing that happen — it just makes us so happy. Kids that normally would not make friends with each other actually leave camp together, they go home and they have playdates."

But things changed when the pandemic hit in 2020. "...we could not fundraise for the camp and we didn't know if the camp would happen," Molin recalls, so she leaned on her training as a licensed social worker, turning to the marginalized local communities where she works to ask how she could help. "All of them said we need food," Molin remembers.

"We started a gofundme campaign, we started letter writing, reaching out to wealthy individuals, like clubs and corporations and companies," she continues. "People were really generous. There was something about the pandemic that made people

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MARIT MOLIN WITH HAMPTONS COMMUNITY OUTREACH'S NEW LAND ROVER DEFENDER SUV

really want to give." Molin's efforts raised an incredible sum of $300,000, so she put it to good use. "We delivered 6,500 hot meals and 90,000 pounds of fresh produce, and groceries bi-weekly for 250 families," she says. "At that point we were so much more than an art camp, so we changed our name to Hamptons Community Outreach."

Hamptons Art Camp is now back in action and, after a summer of splitting programs into two smaller groups and two shorter sessions each day, they will return to single sessions this summer with all of their 100-plus campers doing a wide variety of arts and crafts, as well as outdoor water play, and much more together over six weeks at both The Church and Old Whalers Church in Sag Harbor.

At the same time, Hamptons Community Outreach's mission continues to grow. The organization now has four big programs: food outreach, free mental health services, child outreach and their #ICARE Crisis Fund which has the flexibility to help struggling residents in a variety of ways, such as home repair and medical assistance.

"That was started because there were a lot of people who were reaching out to us that just had nowhere else to turn, workers, uninsured workers who had accidents," Molin says of the fund, recounting one case where a man in his early 40s lost his vision and then, as a result, lost his income, the room he rented, and even his nourishment. "He'd been fired from his job, so we fundraised for an eyesight restoration surgery and it was successful," she shares. "Now he has a place to live and he has employment, and he actually volunteers for Hamptons Community Outreach. He delivers food for us in the Hampton Bays area."

HCO's home repair program has made vital improvements to residences where people were forced to live in unacceptable conditions. "We've fixed about eight houses. As of now we have 14 families on the waiting list," Molin says. "People live with black toxic mold and cracked windows without a heating system, and they have no resources and no place to go," she continues, thanking volunteers like Alex Forden of Sag Harbor's Forden & Co. Builders who donate their services or help get discounted rates from others.

The organization's child center outreach program includes Hamptons Art Camp, but it also operates a birthday club — delivering cakes and gifts to kids from impoverished families who cannot afford to celebrate their birthdays — and a tutoring program. "We have about 28 students right now in the Southampton High School and the Middle School, and they have been identified as in need by the guidance counselors and teachers," Molin says, explaining that students are paired with licensed teachers as tutors and then evaluated from beginning to end. "The results that we're seeing are nothing short of fantastic," she says, describing one boy who went from a 55 GPA to an 89 after time with his tutor. "He was really struggling and he was in a lot of pain. There were a lot of issues at home," Molin adds, noting that the boy eventually told them he had never learned to study, but once the tutor helped him, he found schoolwork much easier, and even admitted enjoying it.

Clearly, Land Rover watched HCO's submission video and recognized their good work. They were chosen as one of five finalists in their category, as was NYMRC, and both nonprofits prevailed after a public voting period in August of 2021. Finally, the organizations learned the good news during a live, "Oscars-style" Zoom reveal, Molin says. "They pulled up a slip out of an envelope — so they said, "Category, Urban Improvement," ...and they read the name Hamptons Community Outreach, and we just started jumping and screaming, we just could not believe it."

From there, the winners customized their Defenders with accessories to meet their specific needs. Land Rover also wrapped each SUV with the nonprofits' logos and then brought HCO and NYMR to Asheville, North Carolina for driver training and to present their work to Land Rover executives, before concluding the trip with a vineyard tour and banquet. "They were fantastic and lovely and generous — memories of a lifetime," Molin recalls.

New York Marine Rescue Center director Danielle Perillo says the Land Rover will be instrumental to their work, which often takes them to desolate, sandy beaches to recover cold stunned turtles and stranded seals. "With a Land Rover Defender, we will be able to get to these locations and animals much faster," she says.

Hampton Community Outreach will use their Defender for moving construction supplies and delivering food, among other tasks aimed at improving the lives of people in their community.

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Looking to Past Best of the Best Camps for a Fun Summer of '22

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KIDS CAN HONE THEIR ARCHERY SKILLS AT CAMP THIS SUMMER.

BY DAVID TAYLOR

It's hard to believe Hamptons and North Fork summer camp enrollment has already begun by the middle of February, but sure enough, spots are filling up fast. If your mind is still stuck in winter mode, allow us to help you look ahead to this summer by looking back at some of the reader-voted winners of past Dan's Best of the Best Camp contests. Below, you'll find the shining stars of the last five years of contests, each of which has already opened enrollment for summer 2022.

And keep an eye out for next week's February 25 issue, when we announce the winners of the 2021 Dan's Best of the Best contest, including our new award-winning camps!

NORTH FORK

Dorothy P. Flint 4-H Camp (BOTB camp in 2019, 2018, 2016)

This North Fork favorite is a sleepaway camp for students in grades 4–10, located on 140 acres of woodland, farmland and Long Island Sound beachfront in Riverhead. Campers can enjoy rope challenge courses, a nature center, indoor horseback riding and riding trails. *631-727-9762, ccenassau.org/dorothy-p-flint-4-h-camp*

Hallockville Museum Farm (BOTB camp in 2019)

Junior campers ages 5–7 and senior campers ages 8–12 can head to the farm for weeklong classes through July and August. Weekly topics include life on the farmstead; tools and trades; and bees, butterflies and gardens. The 28-acre site provides a bucolic setting for kids to enjoy summer outdoors. *631-298-5292, hallockville.org*

Peconic Dunes 4-H Camp (BOTB camp in 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016)

Parents have the choice of sending their children ages 8–15 to overnight camp, or their kids ages 6–13 to day camp, both running through July and August. It's a tough choice for kids in that middle age range, because both options are packed with excitement. From Sunday to Saturday, overnight campers will hone their canoe, kayak, snorkeling, backcountry cooking, fishing, volleyball, music and archery skills. Tykes at the day camp will have their fair share of team sports, drama, crafts, nature studies and each day, Monday through Friday and the Turtle Games Carnival weekly. *631-852-8629, ccesuffolk.org/peconic-dunes-4-h-camp*

HAMPTONS

EHSC@SPORTIME (BOTB camp in 2017, 2016)

East Hampton Sports Camp is a great place for kids ages 3–13 to engage in exciting sports, games, art and music. The two camps — preschool camp for ages 3–5 and multi-sport camp for ages 6–13 — are designed to help campers have fun, feel confident, make new friends and create lifelong memories. Camp sold out quickly in 2021, so taking advantage of early registration is advised. *631-267-2267, e-sportimeny.com/p/18SJ-IV7*

Future Stars (BOTB camp in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016)

Future Stars Southampton summer camps are back with oodles of specialized options to choose from, including explorer camp, chess camp, Little Stars (ages 3–5), boxing camp, golf camp, Tiny Stars (ages 2–3), art camp, tennis camp and core camp. Campers will participate in age- and level-appropriate group activities that will help them develop a STARS value system: Safety, Teamwork, Attitude, Responsibility and Sportsmanship. *914-273-8500, fscamps.com*

Hampton Country Day Camp (BOTB camp in 2018, 2017, 2016)

Located in East Hampton, this camp offers a wide variety of age-appropriate activities for campers in the Stepping Stones (ages 2 ½–4), upper camp (ages 5–11) and Hampton Country Sports Academy (ages 7–11). They offer flexible enrollment options to cater to any summer schedule, allowing parents to choose between one and eight weeks, and round-trip transportation from Southampton to Montauk is included in tuition. *631-537-1770, hamptoncountrydaycamp.com*

Hamptons Baseball Camp (BOTB camp in 2019, 2018, 2016)

This five-time Dan's Best of the Best Camp will give children a chance to develop friendships, physical fitness, cooperation and thoughtfulness through a comprehensive schedule of baseball games, pitching lessons, square drills and catching practice. Parents can register their children for weeklong sessions in Water Mill from June through August, all of which are split into age groups (Rookie 4–5, Beginner 5–7, Intermediate 7–10 and Advanced 10–14). *631-907-2566, hamptonsbaseballcamp.com*

Ross Summer (BOTB camp in 2018)

Ross School's East Hampton summer programming is built on innovation, education and an enriching summer experience. Early childhood camp for kids up to age 6 will help them experience social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. Immersions camp for ages 7–12 offers a variety of weeklong programs such as sculpture, improv, chemistry, filmmaking, robotics and more. Sports camp is for young athletes ages 3–16 looking for a little exercise, competition and training under expert coaches and professionals. And the Ross Summer Term grants teens ages 14–18 an opportunity to engage in academic and educational summer programs led by esteemed faculty. *631-907-5376, ross.org/summer*

Sandy Hollow Day Camp (BOTB camp in 2019)

Family owned and operated since 1969, this Southampton camp offers weeklong camps July through August, where campers will take full advantage of various enriching activities, special events and the beautiful, bucolic landscape. Kids can learn to swim in a National American Red Cross program, participate in daily arts and crafts, hone their tennis skills (for ages 6–13) and enjoy fun Friday offerings like dunk tanks, puppet shows, dance parties and cookouts. *631-283-2296, sandyhollowdaycamp.com*

Southampton Camp & Club (BOTB camp in 2020, 2019, 2018)

Southampton Camp & Club offers an innovative program supplemented by a wide range of activities appealing to every camper in both the main camp (ages 5–11) and Stepping Stones (ages 2–4). The fun includes everything from athletics, gymnastics and aquatics to visual and performance arts. With daily round-trip transportation from Westhampton to Bridgehampton included in tuition, children across the Hamptons can experience this engaging camp experience. *631-488-4700, southamptoncc.com*

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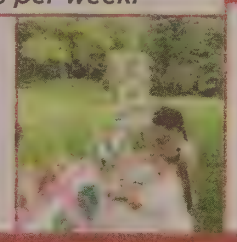

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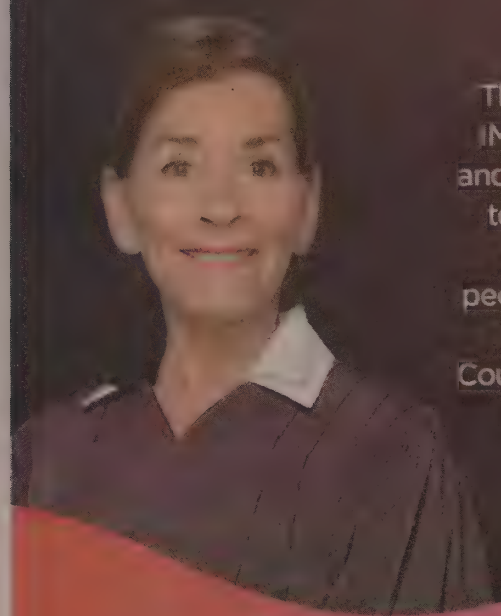

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Jean Shafiroff Discusses Her Passion for Philanthropy

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BY BERNADETTE STARZEE

Jean Shafiroff has been honored by dozens of nonprofit organizations for her charitable giving and her activities to promote philanthropy. Shafiroff currently serves on nine charitable boards, chairs numerous annual galas and fundraisers, and hosts a TV show entitled *Successful Philanthropy* that gives a platform to others to discuss their charitable activities. Shafiroff also authored the 2016 book, *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*, which serves as a practical guide to modern giving, and she is currently working on a second book.

Shafiroff and her husband, Martin, recently moved into their new home in Palm Beach County and plan to split their time between Florida and New York throughout the year. We caught up with Shafiroff in early February to ask her about her philanthropic activities.

What have you been up to since coming to Palm Beach?

I recently hosted and underwrote a luncheon to benefit American Humane, which was held outside at The Colony Hotel. I am a board member of American Humane, which has a presence in Palm Beach, and the purpose of the luncheon was to introduce the charity to new people. I hosted the president, the board president and his wife, and another board member of the organization, and the rest of the guests were new to American Humane. But there have been very few events so far this winter because of the Omicron variant. In the fall and early winter, I attended many events in New York in support of charitable organizations and I served as the chair of the Viennese Opera Ball and co-chair of the French Heritage Society Gala. Then when the Omicron variant came on, almost everything was canceled. Most of the big events will not take place in Palm Beach until April and May. In New York, almost all the big galas have been postponed until May or June.

My husband and I enjoy attending charity galas. I find philanthropy very rewarding, and it is a joy to attend and host events in support of different charities, regardless of whether I am on the board or not. I believe in the importance of philanthropy, and there's a great need for it.

I have also been recording my TV show virtually from my new home. The purpose of my show, which airs in the Hamptons and New York City, is to allow other philanthropists, as well as celebrities and politicians, to speak about their charitable activities and causes, and to inspire and motivate viewers to get involved in philanthropy.

What other organizations are you involved with?

I currently serve on the boards of the Southampton Hospital Association, New York City Mission Society, American Humane, New York Women's Foundation, Casita Maria, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of the Museum at FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology), and Global Strays. I am also an honorary board member of the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation and an honorary trustee of the Jewish Board, where I previously served on the board for 28 years. I am Catholic, and I love this organization and the work they do.

I also chair or co-chair about eight or nine galas each year for various charities and host cocktail parties and other fundraisers to benefit many organizations. I look forward to becoming more involved with charities in the Palm Beach area.

With all the charity galas that you have hosted and chaired, I understand you have accumulated quite a collection of ballgowns. What are your plans for this collection?

I have been collecting ballgowns over the years with the idea that I will donate them to a museum. Before the pandemic, I was working on archiving my collection with a woman who works at Vogue and a fashion historian who teaches at FIT. I have served on the board of the Couture Council of the Museum at FIT since 2010.

The collection includes gowns by designers like Oscar de la Renta, Carolina Herrera, Mary McFadden, Victor dE Souza, B Michael, Malan Breton, Zang Toi, and Valentino, and some beautiful beaded gowns by Alice + Olivia. Some of the gowns are couture. With this collection, I have focused mainly on American designers. The museums are interested because these gowns represent a period of American philanthropy, and they are beautifully made.

When I work with designers, they may come up with a few drawings, and I will pick one. I like to give my designers a lot of freedom to showcase their work.

What do people usually wear to charitable galas?

It depends on the dress code. When an event is "black tie," men wear a tuxedo and women often wear gowns, but sometimes you may see the most fashionable women come in short dresses or a beautiful silk pant suit. Some events will have a more specific dress code, such as a "black and white" ball. When I host an event, I personally prefer not to restrict the dress code too much. I don't want people to have to worry about going out and finding a black and white dress, for instance. I want people to buy a ticket and show up and support an important cause.

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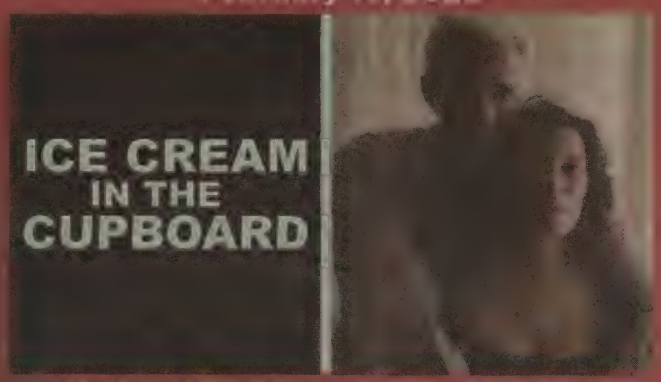

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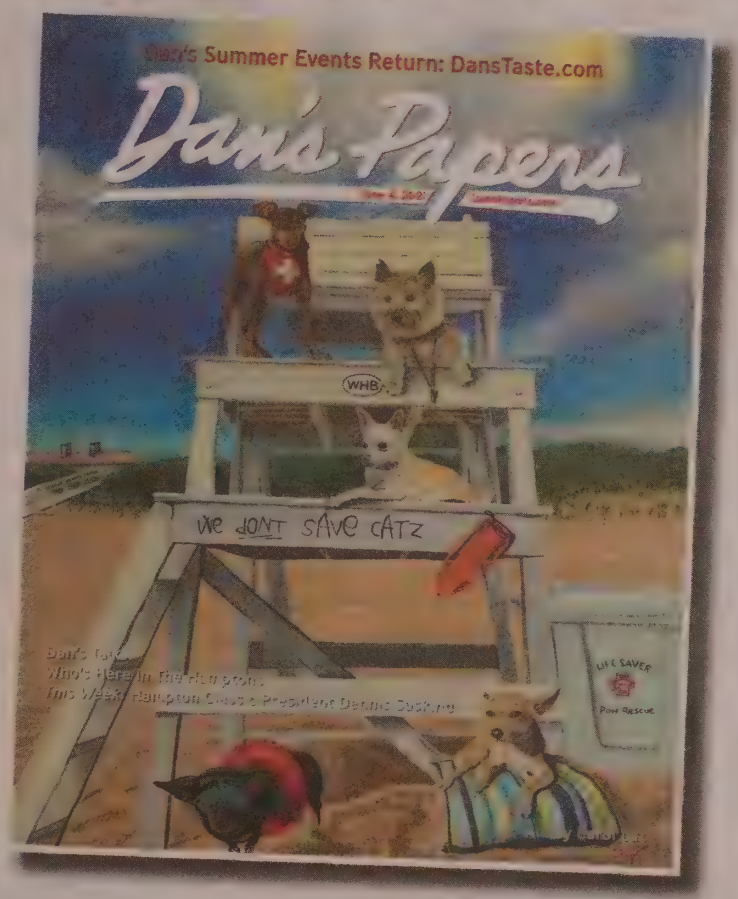

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Michael Feinstein: The multi-platinum selling entertainer on his Sinatra tribute at the Kravis Center, his new album and his long standing relationship with Liza

ALLAN LAZARE

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN PERFORMING HIS TRIBUTE TO JUDY GARLAND AT THE NAPLES THEATER

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

Liza Minnelli and Barry Manilow sang at his wedding. Judge Judy officiated. In the early 1990s, he broke bread with Frank Sinatra at Sinatra's house, and at the age of 20, he was introduced to the late, great lyricist Ira Gershwin of George-and-Ira-Gershwin songwriting fame. He spent the next six years apprenticing as Ira Gershwin's assistant.

Michael Feinstein has certainly led a storied and accomplished life.

It was through the Gershwins that he met the Academy Award-winning director director Vincente Minnelli, who then introduced him to his daughter with Judy Garland, Liza. Michael and Liza hit it off and have been friends and collaborators for over 40 years.

In a full-circle moment, his new album *Country Gershwin* (which comes out March 11) is executive produced by Liza Minnelli. It features Gershwin classics reimagined as duets sung by Feinstein paired with some of country music's greatest singers including Dolly Parton, Lyle Lovett, Roseanne Cash Brad Paisley and Vince Gil.

Oh, and as a bonus track, he and Liza sing the Gershwin classic "Embraceable You."

Feinstein's dazzling and dizzying career over the past three decades has covered a lot of ground — countless recordings, concerts, club performances, television specials, a syndicated radio program, writing, conducting, arranging, and running two nightclubs on two coasts — all while maintaining, organizing and preserving a vast catalogue of music, manuscripts and memorabilia for the archives.

There's a reason he has been dubbed the Ambassador of the Great American Songbook. His taste and passion for music from the genre of popular songs, jazz standards, and musicals published from the 1920s to the 1960s ("American Standards") knows no bounds.

Along the way, Feinstein has picked up five Grammy award nominations and an Emmy nomination for his TV special *Michael Feinstein — The Sinatra Legacy*. He's played everywhere from Carnegie Hall to the White House to Buckingham Palace.

Not bad for a kid from Ohio who at the age of 5 sat at a piano and started playing by ear.

And though he has since rubbed elbows and shared sheet music with lots of A-listers and legends, it is that shared love and appreciation of all things musical — lyric, melody, arrangement, artistry, masterful performance — that seems to drive and inspire him. His carefully curated tribute shows include homages to Peggy Lee, Irving Berlin, Judy Garland and yes, Frank Sinatra.

On March 2, Feinstein and the Kravis Pops Orchestra will present *Intimately Sinatra* at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in Palm Beach. (Feinstein created the Pops series at the Kravis Center in 2014.)

He's got a lot going on, considering the performing world is still at half mast these days, rebounding cautiously (but happily) from pandemic-induced shutdowns and rescheduling.

We caught up with Michael Feinstein via telephone in between his touring schedule to talk about the upcoming Sinatra tribute at the Kravis Center, his new album, and his relationship with Liza Minnelli.

***Intimately Sinatra* — what's involved in putting that show together?**

I find that when a piece of music is curated with an introduction it helps people perceive or listen to it in a different way, and so I've chosen a combination of songs that I can give anecdotes and stories that will hopefully reveal something about a man from whom we know a great deal. I love being supported by an 80-piece orchestra because it is transporting — simply transporting. I have a personal collection of orchestrations that number in the thousands

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MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

so to be able to hear them being performed is extraordinary ... especially in this time when live music itself is a rarity, and to hear an orchestra or a band is now an unusual experience for the average music listener.

What was Sinatra like?

He was very, very nice to me — very supportive — he didn't have to be that way obviously and I think he liked the fact that I spoke his language, I knew the songs, I knew the songwriters, I understood the era. When I was at his house, the first time I was there for dinner, I asked him if it was true if Mabel Mercer had been a great influence on him and he said, "Yeah, yeah" and he went on about going to hear her in the clubs and [how she'd] sing the lyrics and she'd sit at the table across from you. He was impressed that I brought up Mabel Mercer instead of Ava Gardner [we laugh], so we had a connection in that way.

We heard your recent tribute to Judy Garland in Naples, Florida was a smash...

Thank you ... I must say it's a wonderful show–the audience reaction was spectacular, so I'm thrilled with that — I've had to cut down the length because it was an embarrassment of riches ... Paying tribute to Judy Garland is for me much harder than paying tribute to Frank Sinatra because of the enormity of her career. And how does one conjure a sense of her without her being there? The show is multimedia with extraordinary photographs and home movies supplied by the family and a home recording I found of her singing — of a song nobody's ever heard before — with me at the piano because she sang acapella — and there's a few clips of her singing of course ...I'd like to take it to London, actually.

You and Liza ... what struck you about each other when you first met? And what keeps you connected?

When we met it was like meeting a lost cousin or sibling because I knew Vincent Minnelli so well through the Gershwins and so the moment we met Liza said, "You know, we're joined at the hip from now on." And I didn't take that seriously, but she was serious and so it's something that has only grown with time. One of the things I love about her is her extraordinary musical ability — her knowledge of music and her innate understanding of not only music and orchestration and presentation, but of course what I've learned from her about interpretation and stagecraft and lyric — so when I was putting together the Gershwin country album (which comes out March 11) she volunteered to help because her parents were close friends with Ira, and Vincent also worked with George and Ira on Broadway. "Embraceable You" was Vincent's favorite song so I recorded "Embraceable You" with her as a bonus track, as a remembrance of Vincent and of course her mother sang it in *Girl Crazy* — so she was incredibly helpful as executive producer by coming up with ideas of casting of the singers and songs — it was just fun.

What were some highlights in recording *Country Gershwin*?

I love every single track on that album — and I'm a tough critic of my own work, and maybe because of the "Duets" (albums) with all these iconic voices... Certainly singing "Love Is Here to Stay" with Dolly Parton was a highlight for me. "I Got Rhythm" with Brad Paisley, "Fascinating Rhythm" with The Time Jumpers and Vince Gil. They are all extraordinary.

JEN LOWERY

MICHAEL FEINSTEIN AND LIZA MINELLI AT A BENEFIT FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK FOUNDATION AND TREATMENT ACTION GROUP AT THE HOME OF KEVIN AND NEIL GOETZ

Could you have ever predicted this career path?

I had no career path in mind, I just started playing the piano by ear when I was 5 and by the time I got out of high school I was singing songs and playing piano bars, and it literally evolved into a career that was completely unexpected. I met Ira Gershwin and that opened new vistas for me — all a series of what one might call coincidences or divinely guided experiences — I can't answer that — I can only say that my path has always been one of being led from one point to another, and it just evolved and became what it is.

You and Terrence Flannery have been together a long time — how is he?

He's great. We've been together 25 years. We were married by Judge Judy and Gabriel Ferrer, Rosemary Clooney's son, was the minister. I forget the year ... [October 2008] We got married in our former home in Los Angeles ... Yes, Liza sang and Barry Manilow sang — I guess it was a big gay wedding. [laughs].

How do you see the next generation and the survival of the music you so cherish?

I started the Great American Songbook Foundation for the purpose of passing this music on and we have an annual high school songbook academy that happens every year ... in one week 40 participants from all 50 states who come and gather and learn about the songbook — it has been like planting the seeds. Now we have like thousands of young people who've been involved to love and propagate the American Songbook in confluence with the contemporary music that they love and listen to.

The songs survive because they are timeless ... so I have no worries about the survival of the music ... I continue because it is just something that I love. And to be able to do what one loves is the greatest gift.

For more information/tickets to Michael Feinstein and the Kravis Center Pops Orchestra Intimately Sinatra concert on March 2, go to kravis.org. To learn more about Michael Feinstein, upcoming concert dates and his new album Gershwin Country, *go to michaelfeinstein.com.*

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The dark days of winter make us crave colorful and warm spaces. Replacing the kitchen backsplash can add playfulness to a kitchen at relatively low cost (marble and quartzite are trending). Not a bad way to spend a dreary February weekend, ya know? OR you can check out all the different kitchen and bath specialists on Dan's Papers Home Pros to give you a hand.

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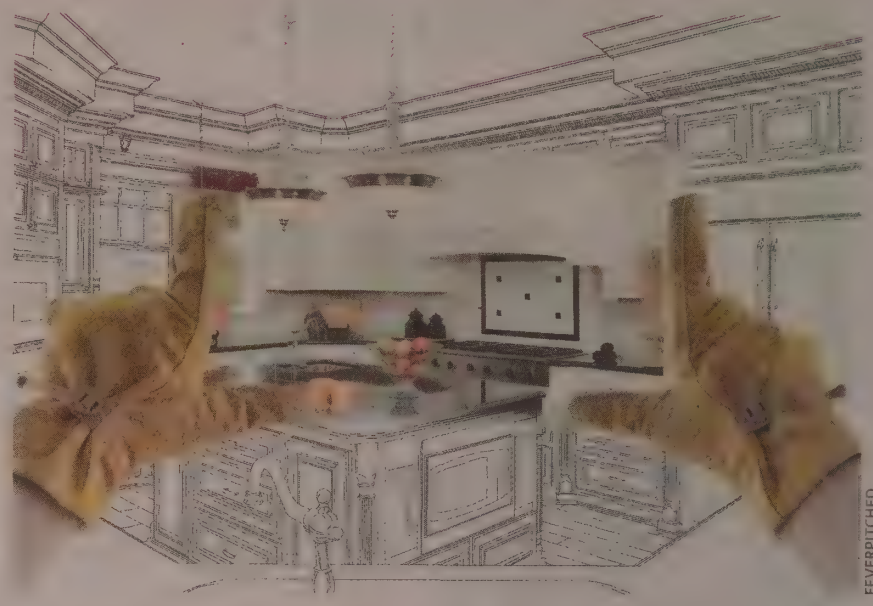

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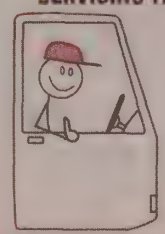

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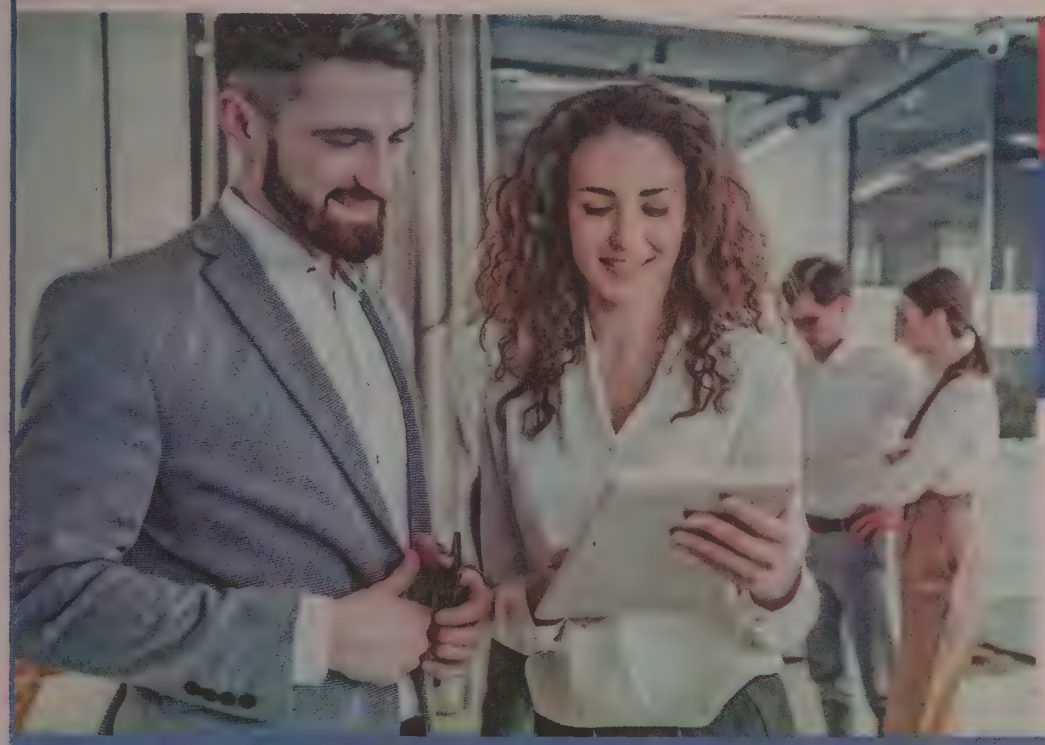

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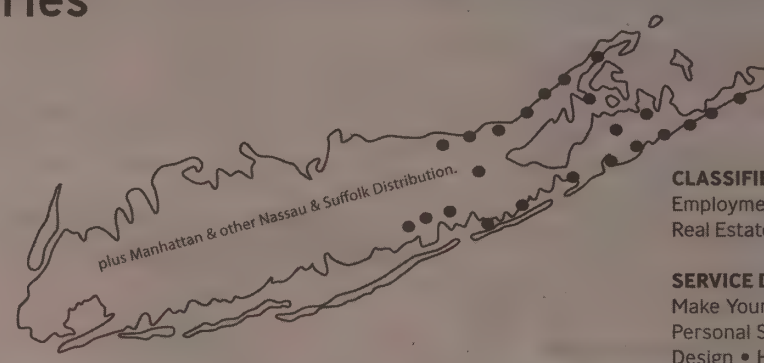

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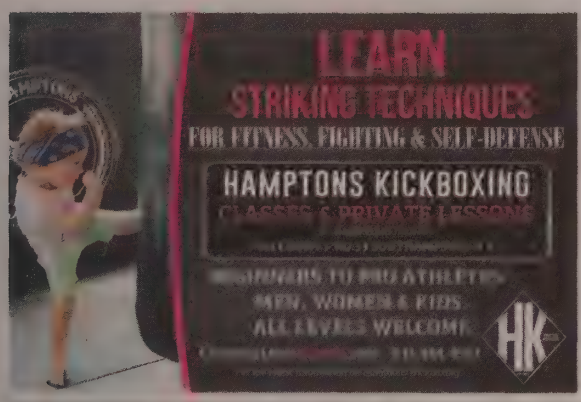

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From the Snow to the Sun, David Genser Will Always Love the Arts

BY TODD SHAPIRO

The Canadian winters that David Genser had to endure when he was growing up probably don't seem real anymore, especially as he is walking his dog, a Boxer-mix named Effy that he and his wife Joan rescued during the pandemic, in the warmth of Palm Beach, Florida.

Genser, who founded and continues to operate an insurance company that specializes in art insurance, is currently the chairman of the Palm Beach Opera (PBO). It only takes a few moments to become inspired by his infectious enthusiasm about PBO and the arts.

"The arts have always been a part of my entire life," Genser says. "They always will be."

Genser was born in Winnipeg, Canada. His parents were very involved in the arts there, a love they learned from David's grandfather, who was a violinist and founded the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Genser's father was both an athlete — in fact, he was the Canadian speed skating champion in the 1930s — and a musician but made his living in the furniture business. Above all, Genser's father had a great love of the arts and he was founder of the Manitoba Theater Center.

"Winnipeg was a cultural mecca, with various types of music and art — and my family was involved in all of it," Genser says. "I met so many true artists, actors and musicians since very often my parents entertained the performers at our home."

He recalls the time that world-famous Canadian pianist Glen Gould came to their home and, instead of mingling with the rest of the glitterati, he asked for a bowl of hot water to soak his hands and spent his time in the kitchen, speaking with a young Genser and the housekeeper.

Genser attended McGill University in Montreal, where he met Joan and, after earning his MBA from New York University, married her in 1964 and returned to Winnipeg. By chance, Genser, who wanted to make his own way and not stay in the family's furniture business, met Jules Lederer, the husband of the legendary advice columnist Ann Landers and the owner of Budget Rent A Car. David decided to buy a Budget franchise that would serve Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and parts of Massachusetts.

DAVID GENSER WITH HIS WIFE JOAN

"That is what brought us to Boston," says Genser.

At some point, though, Trans America had purchased Genser's franchise operation from Budget.

"After that my wife and I both became immersed in the art world as collectors of contemporary art and I made the decision to go into the insurance business, specializing in art insurance," Genser says.

It was a great decision, as the business was successful.

"Today, I insure collectors, galleries and artists throughout the world," says Genser. "Joan and I have continued to collect art, which has been a great asset to my clients. We understand what their needs are."

Genser and Joan bought an apartment in Palm Beach in 2002. Joan was not an early supporter of being in Florida. Years ago, she fought the idea of moving south to a place that had the unflattering moniker, "God's Waiting Room." There is no longer any debate.

"Joan said that February is for skiing, and she was unsure about spending our winters in Florida," says Genser.

But Genser very quickly learned that all of the preconceived notions about Palm Beach were not accurate at all. It was the perfect place. There was a thriving arts community.

"What I have learned to love about Palm Beach is that it is not a cultural wasteland," he says. "There was a time when most of us thought that there was really no culture in Palm Beach, and of course, that is not true at all."

Aside from a true love of creativity and performance, there is a simple reason that such a small place could regularly feature some of the most famous artists in the world.

"One wonders how such a small community could have a major opera company, a wonderful regional theater company, a major museum company, as well as a symphony," says Genser. "This is all possible because there is so much money in Palm Beach, and we can afford to fund all of these organizations. And we also have the ability to introduce people of all ages in many communities to the beauty of the arts."

But Genser's main focus is the Palm Beach Opera. Founded 36 ago, it is recognized as one of the finest regional opera companies in the country. Many of the greatest living opera singers have performed at Palm Beach Opera and many of them were students at PBO and received their initial training in Palm Beach.

Today, Genser is working to ensure the organization will continue to grow. The organization recently purchased a building in the Northwood section of West Palm Beach, and it will house both the PBO administrative offices and the production center.

"We are in a period of expansion with the purchase of that building," says Genser. "The PBO is in a fantastic position. While I can not speak for the financial success of the other organizations, Palm Beach Opera operates in the black — one of the only Opera companies that can boast this accomplishment."

The organization has developed programs for youths of all backgrounds across southern Florida.

"I am so proud of what we do to introduce young people to this beautiful world, no matter their background. Art is a gift," says Genser. "I think at this stage of my life, when I stop being active in Palm Beach Opera, I will probably stop being very active in organizations."

"I am not a young kid," he adds. "I feel like at some point I will have to sit back — but, hopefully that won't come anytime soon."

On his walks in Palm Beach, Genser has his Air Pods in, losing himself to the sounds of opera or symphony. But today, he says, he is listening to the legendary folk outfit The Kingston Trio. He sums up his passion in the most basic, relatable statement he can, one that has driven him personally and professionally.

"I love music," he laughs. "What else can I say?"

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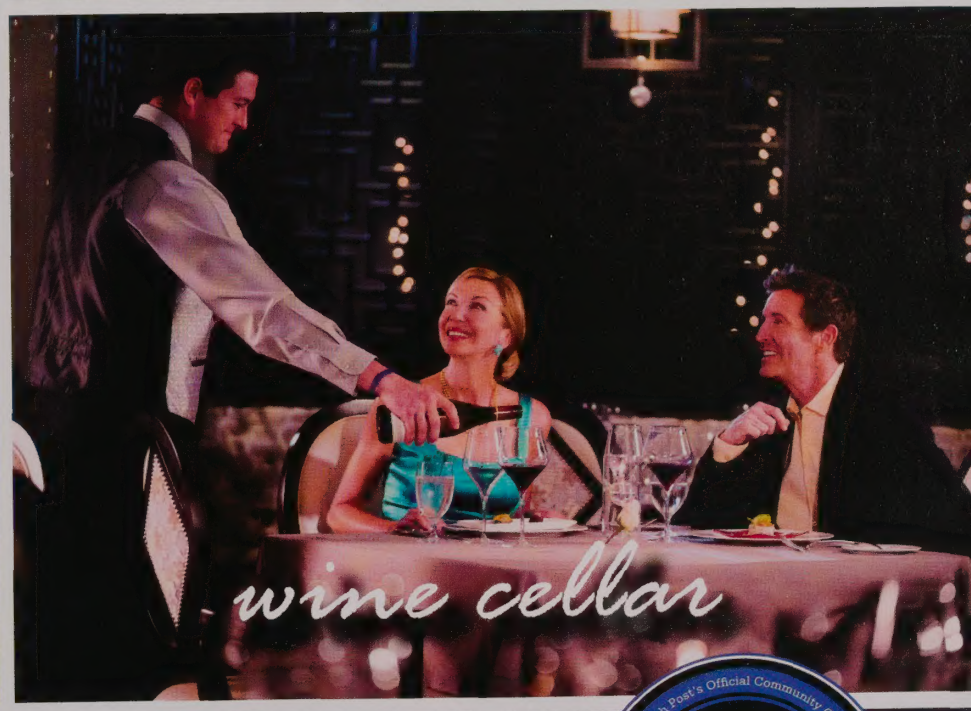

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